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ARBITRATOR GIVES DECISION IN DAIRY FARM DISPUTE

Red scout plane over Taiwan

Taipei, March 24. Air raid precautionary measures in Taiwan have been tightened as the Communist air strength increased. A lone Communist scout plane appeared over Keelung on March 22 but did not drop any bombs, according to usually reliable military sources here.

Another incident occurred near Hsuehchow, when a Nationalist P-51 fighter on a scouting mission was forced to land by three Communist planes. This is believed to have occurred between March 20 and 23.

The Nationalist authorities here are speeding up their preparations for a large-scale landing on the China mainland, according to unofficial sources.

It is believed that the Nationalists have received information that the Communists, with Russian technical and material aid, are intensifying their preparations for an invasion of Hainan and Taiwan Islands.

UK scientists' attitude on the H-bomb

London, March 23. Two of Britain's leading atomic scientists said today that they will refuse to work on a hydrogen bomb.

Another scientist said the world's brightest hope is that the hydrogen bomb will very nearly but not quite work.

One called for Britain and West Europe to withdraw from the Atlantic Pact.

The statements were among several issued today by members of the Atomic Scientists' Association of Britain, most of them deploring the international situation that led to the United States' decision to go ahead with the hydrogen bomb.

The two scientists who said they will refuse to work on the bomb are Dr. G. O. Jones of Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford, and Professor Kathleen Lonsdale of the University College of London.—United Press.

FLYING SAUCER OVER BRAZIL

Sao Paulo, March 24. The crew of a Pan-American plane last night saw a strange ship which they believe to be a flying saucer.

The plane was flying over Caxias city, Rio Janeiro state, when the crew members discovered the saucer flying about 12 miles ahead. The crew said they were excited at the sight of the flying saucer which they previously believed to be a fairy tale. (See Page 5).—United Press.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) the moderate southerly wind remains over Japan. The depression over the East of the Eastern Sea has become very weak and is stationary.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate E or SE wind; overcast and dull at first but improving gradually during the day.

Tomorrow's Weather: Mainly clear with light S.W. wind. High 78.1, low 64.1, rain 0.2 mm.

Monday: Partly cloudy with light S.W. wind. High 78.1, low 64.1, rain 0.2 mm.

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Additional allowance of HK\$30 a month awarded WORKERS' CLAIM NOT MADE OUT

An additional living allowance of HK\$30 has been awarded by Professor R. Robertson, Arbitrator in the arbitration between Dairy Farm workers and their employers. The workers had asked for HK\$90.

Professor Robertson said he examined certain budget categories in the Report on Cost of Living and studied some of the actual budgets received by the Statistical Office.

His conclusion was that allowing for an accepted rise in standards of living, the budget of a typical household in these categories consisting of two adults and one child would amount to some figure between HK\$200 and HK\$250.

He added that there is, with existing costs of living, a good case for an additional allowance if workers are to maintain reasonable standards.

The amount of such additional allowances necessary to bring present earnings into relation with living costs is very much less than the workers' figure of HK\$90 a month.

"The workers claimed an additional special allowance of \$90 a month; the Company refused to grant this claim. This was the dispute referred to the Tribunal for settlement."

"The workers based their claim for a special allowance on the increase in the cost of living, and on the disparity between their earnings (existing basic wages plus Rehabilitation Allowance) and the amount necessary at current prices to support a worker and his family."

"The Company presented statements of the earnings of the Chinese workers concerned in the dispute, and challenged the estimates made by the workers' representatives of the cost of a typical monthly household budget."

"It was not suggested at any stage of the proceedings that the wages paid by the Company were unfair in the sense of being lower than comparable rates of wages in similar employments in other concerns. Indeed, on the information available to me, I was satisfied that the wages paid by the Dairy Farm Company compared very favourably with those in other similar concerns."

The issue

"It was therefore apparent that the issue was whether existing earnings were out of keeping with present level of living costs, and whether there was a case for a further rate of living allowance, and if so, how much, having due regard to the capacity of the Company to increase the pay of their workers without diminishing wider question of inflationary possibilities."

"This was an issue not perhaps entirely appropriate to the procedure of arbitration, unless associated with legislative direction regarding a living minimum wage, which was not the case here. It was indeed more the kind of dispute that is best settled by the parties, or by the methods of conciliation or mediation."

"The acceptance, however, of a recognised system of Rehabilitation Allowance in addition to basic wages, intended to meet high cost of living, may be taken to imply a general acceptance by all concerned of the proposition that basic wages in current conditions must be supplemented by a allowance. It might therefore be considered an issue suitable for arbitration to put the question whether existing allowances were adequate for this purpose. I have proceeded on that basis."

"Workers' representatives based their claim mainly on a household budget presented by them, which purported to represent the actual cost of living of an adult worker, his wife and one child. It transpired in the course of the hearing that other budgets had previously been presented on the workers' behalf, but their representatives were insistent that the budget placed before us totalling \$333.33 was in their view 'accurate'. It did not contain any item, but no explicit additions were made."

"This budget was not supported by oral or documentary evidence as to actual expenditure of individual households, although it was explained more than once to the workers' representatives that supporting evidence would be of assistance to the Tribunal in its examination of the budget. It was, however, in their view, one of the best of the budgets presented by them, and was, therefore, accepted by the Tribunal as a basis for its estimate."

Estimate not established

"In view of the impossibility of conducting a full statistical enquiry into the cost of living of the workers concerned, whether by the use of questionnaires in documentary form or by the examination of witnesses, it was necessary to seek other methods, however rough and ready, of ascertaining existing living costs."

"Direct examination of the workers' budget of \$333.33 could only proceed on very general lines, yet it was necessary to make some attempt to assess its value, in view of its prominence in the workers' argument. For this purpose, apart from direct examination of this budget, one possible method was to examine the material contained in the Report on Post-War Movements in the Cost of Living."

"Long discussions took place on the workers' budget of \$333.33. The real question here was whether this could be taken as representing the actual current expenditure required to maintain a household of the type concerned on a reasonable standard of living."

"I accede to the view that workers' standards of living in Hong Kong are in fact, and legitimately, on the upgrade, and that what might have been regarded in the immediate post-war period as a reasonable standard is not necessarily so today."

"I am, however, satisfied, as a result of very careful discussion, that, even taking into account the rise in living standards as well as increased costs, the workers' estimate of current monthly costs has not been established."

"In coming to this conclusion I have not been influenced by the fact that reference was made during the proceedings to previous and lower budget estimates stated to have been made by the workers."

"The material in the Report on Cost of Living which was most nearly relevant to the problem with which we were concerned is to be found in the 1948 Survey (summarised in Appendix VII of the Report). This category (I) of the Report, in which the households averaged 2.36 adults and .88 children and probably covered for the most part wage-earners who were neither clerical nor skilled-technical."

"Category (II) of the same survey could also be considered as having some relevance for the purposes of comparison, making necessary adjustments for the greater number of persons in the average household of this category."

Typical budget

"My examination of these categories, together with a study of some of the actual budgets received by the Statistical Office when conducting the Survey, has led me to the conclusion that at December, 1949, prices, allowing for an accepted rise in standards of living, the budget of a typical household in these categories, consisting of two adults and one child would amount to some figure between \$200 and \$250."

Good case

"The purpose of these comparative enquiries has been, I should reiterate, not to arrive at a definitive monthly cost of living estimate, but to give me some guidance in reaching a conclusion as to the extent to which, if any, an additional allowance for cost of living would be justified. Exact arithmetical measurement is out of the question, and has not been attempted, in advancing towards my conclusion on this matter."

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Montgomery studies ice-war conditions



During his stay in Norway, where he was the guest of the Round Table Club of Norway, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery paid a visit to Norwegian troops in the field. He was very interested in the conditions of war amid the ice of Norway. Photo shows the Field Marshal (second from left) watching a leash of dogs, used for transporting wounded soldiers, at a practice run.—(AP Photo).

Portuguese troops in brush with Reds at Macao

Portuguese troops forcibly compelled five launches, carrying Chinese Communist troops, to move out of Macao waters recently, according to messages received by the "China Mail" yesterday from the Portuguese Colony.

As a result of the action, four Communist soldiers were killed. A number of others were wounded. The brief battle was fought near Colowan Island, about a mile from Macao.

The "China Mail" informant said that the five launches were intercepted in Portuguese waters by a Portuguese patrol boat. The Communists were first told that they were in Macao waters and then asked the nature of their mission.

The leader said that his mission was to arrest Nationalist soldiers living on a barge off Colowan Island. They had fled there when the Communists occupied Lappa Island.

The Communists were told that they could not carry out their mission as the soldiers were refugees and were in Portuguese territory.

Following a heated exchange of words, the Communist-leader threatened to ram and sink the Portuguese patrol boat.

As a result of this threat, the patrol boat commander consulted the Commander of Land Forces, Macao. The patrol boat was ordered to withdraw from the area.

Later the Commander of Land Forces, accompanied by a number of Portuguese troops, arrived off Colowan in a naval launch.

Following a short argument with the Communist leader, he gave the Communists five minutes to move out of Macao waters.

When the five-minute ultimatum expired, a warning shot was fired over the launches. As the result, shots were exchanged between the Portuguese naval launch and the Communist craft.

Suffering casualties, the five launches left Portuguese waters with the Communist soldiers hurrying threats of reprisals from higher authorities.

The pro-Communist "Ta Kung Pao" carried a report from Peking yesterday charging the Macao Government with slaughtering Chinese lives, infringing Chinese national integrity and co-operating with smugglers and bandits.

Peking version

The report alleged that without any justification Portuguese troops fired on the Customs.

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SERIOUS RIOTING IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, March 24. Strikers wrecked 200 tram-cars, fought the police and smashed up a department store in angry Brussels demonstrations today against King Leopold's return.

Some burned effigies of priests. About 200 gendarmes, armed with rifles, gas masks and tear gas bombs joined the battling police in the city's centre against continuous mob attacks on strike breaking traffic, their drivers and passengers.

Strikers, at the beginning of a 24 hour general South Belgium anti-Leopold stoppage, smashed windows of trams passing the headquarters of the Socialist Party, a backdrop of opposition to the exiled King in the French speaking provinces. They cut overhead wires, tore down overhead trolleys, broke brakes, climbed on to roofs to remove indicators. The police got passengers away under armed guards. Others, many of them university students, chased the crowd of one tram into a big department store where a running fight took place in the crockery department, leaving the floor littered with broken china.

Students in opposition to the Catholic Party's pro-Leopold stand, burned effigies of priests in main streets, chanting "down with the clergy" and "abdication".—Reuter.

Disappearance of ss. Ethel Moller

Taipei, March 24. Shipping circles are baffled over the disappearance of a small British freighter, the Ethel Moller, last reported near Swatow, Communist-held support opposite Taiwan, on February 20.

She was then apparently trying to run the blockade.

Since then, nothing has been heard of the ship.

One theory is that she was seized by the Nationalist Navy and escorted either to Taiwan or to some other point under Nationalist control.

The authorities here, however, have not given out anything to confirm this and so her whereabouts remains very much of a mystery.—Associated Press.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE IN MALAYA

Penang, March 24. A Malayan Auxiliary Air Force is to be formed shortly with the establishment of a first fighter squadron here. An officer from Britain, Flight Lieutenant F. G. de Pass, has been appointed to command the squadron and serve as its first Adjutant.

Its base has not been finally chosen but is expected to be at Kuching, Kuching Airport, 12 miles from Penang.

The British Government, it is understood, will finance the project to some extent and in addition supply the necessary aircraft and materials, maintenance being the responsibility of the Malayan Government.—Reuter.

Quirino's views on Bao Dai Government

Manila, March 24. President Elpidio Quirino told the press in Baguio that the Philippines has not extended recognition to the Bao Dai Government for two reasons.

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The Oscar winners

Hollywood, March 24. Hollywood Boulevard history. Without exception the awards went according to predictions.

Crawford, who was once condemned to the oblivion of B pictures, leaped from his seat when he heard Jane Wyman read his name as the winner. He could say little more than "Thank God."

The hulking actor later said he had no idea whether or not he would win.

Miss de Havilland was calmer. She accepted the award from James Stewart with dignity, combining the fifth star in Motion Picture Academy history to win the grand prize twice. Other double winners are Bette Davis, Spencer Tracy, Frederick March and Lulu Rainer.—Associated Press.

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AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Registrar and transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st day of March 1956 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 18, 1956.

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Hong Kong, March 25, 1956.

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March 23, 1956.

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PRIVY COUNCIL IN BELGIUM MEETS ON LEOPOLD ISSUE

Brussels, March 23.

Belgium's Privy Council of 28 Elder Statesmen, last assembled on the eve of war in 1914, met today to cope with the enmity between Flanders and Wallonia over the return of King Leopold to the Throne.

As the Councillors assembled in the marble hall of Brussels' Royal Palace, more than 350,000 workers threatened a 24-hour strike tomorrow as a warning against any attempt to bring the King back from his provisional exile in Switzerland.

The chief strikes would be in the highly industrialised Walloon provinces, where on March 12 the referendum showed 58 per cent opposed to the return of the King, though 57.6 per cent of the nation as a whole favoured his return.

House debate on foreign affairs

London, March 23.
The House of Commons is to debate foreign policy next Tuesday.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, said that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, would reply to the debate. But after Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, had urged that the Foreign Secretary should open it, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, agreed to consult Mr. Bevin again.

Mr. Churchill said that foreign affairs ranged over a wide area and in opening the debate Mr. Bevin might deal with a large number of matters outside the immediate scope of events which interested the House, particularly at the moment.

Though the debate is on foreign affairs there will be no formal motion before the House and, consequently, no vote.—Reuter.

Amazing leap in St. Peter's

Vatican City, March 23.
An ex-officer of the Italian Air Force today threw himself off the "Whispering Gallery" 180 feet up in the giant Dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

But, as if miraculously, he remained suspended, alive and unhurt, dangling only a few feet from the marble floor near the Papal Altar.

Pilgrims kneeling in prayer in the Basilica screamed as he hurtled down from the Dome. The man, 28-year-old Franco Zucconi, had taken the precaution of tying a rope under his arms and to the iron bars of the gallery, before he climbed on to the railings and jumped.

As Zucconi fell, two letters dropped from his pockets. One was addressed to the Pope. The other was addressed to the Italian Press. They asked the world to take notice of his desperate situation and, if the rope held, to give him work.

He was taken into custody by Vatican gendarmes and handed over to the Italian police.

The Inner Gallery round St. Peter's Dome is a favourite spot for suicides. The whole Church had to be reconsecrated last August when a 28-year-old Italian school teacher crashed from the Dome on to the steps of the Papal Altar.

Later it was announced that the Pope tonight sent 10,000 lire to Zucconi.—Reuter.

BERLIN MARCH CANCELLED

Berlin, March 23.
The Communist Free German Youth movement today abandoned its plan for a peace march through the Western sectors of Berlin at Whitman in defiance of a Western ban.

After the West Berlin authorities had earlier rejected a request that marchers be allowed into their sectors, the Youth movement declared that its members would break through any chain of tanks posted by the Western Powers.—Reuter.

Perth, March 23.
The Australian health authorities today announced that a Portuguese seaman from the 5,083-ton Glasgow cargo steamer Elairolva, at Fremantle, is suffering from modified smallpox. Modified smallpox is a mild form of the disease in people who are only slightly susceptible to it, or who are protected by vaccination.—Reuter.

Count Henri Carton de Wiart, 80-year-old Catholic ex-Premier, presided over the meeting of the Elder Statesmen, made up of 13 Catholics who favour the return, seven Socialists who do not, and eight Liberals who are divided.

Count de Wiart, who yesterday accepted the task of forming a new Government, put off Cabinet consultations today until after the Council meeting.

In the pro-Leopold Flemish provinces, of the North, the workers are not expected to join in tomorrow's stoppages. The strikes, according to union officials, will be general throughout Wallonia and Brussels, and will halt industry throughout the day.

The big Southern coal-mining belt will remain idle until the first shift goes down on Saturday and gas and electricity workers have also decided to down tools, except for key workers to ensure power to domestic consumers.

Transport strike

Telephone and telegraph will maintain skeleton services only. Airport officials said tonight that the strike may seriously interfere with air services in and out of Brussels.

Tramway services throughout Wallonia and Brussels will stop at midnight. Most taxi-drivers have agreed to join the strike. Railwaymen will stage a two-hour stoppage in the afternoon to take part in the anti-Leopold parades in Liege, Mons and Charleroi.

Council school staffs in Wallonia have told parents not to send their children to school tomorrow as they will be staging a strike against the King's return.

At Brussels University, 4,000 students and 300 professors have agreed to suspend studies for a day.

Appeal to workers

In Liege, heart of "Free Wallonia," M. Andre Renard, Secretary-General of the Socialist-dominated General Confederation of Labour, declared at a "Stop

WIFE HUNTER GETS GAOL TERM

London, March 23.
A 51-year-old chef, John Taylor, who spent his life seeking the perfect wife and acquired one lawful and four bigamous wives in the last 25 years, today began a four-year gaol sentence.

Taylor, who pleaded guilty to two bigamous marriages since the war, lived with his wife for only three months in 1925. By his first bigamous marriage he had eight children.

His defence Counsel said that Taylor had received a head injury on an airfield that was bombed in 1940, and in 1948 he fell from a high ladder, both of which affected his memory.

"Here is a man who achieved five mothers-in-law as well as five wives," his Counsel declared. "In each of these cases it may be said in his favour that he has not been very fortunate in his choice. Perhaps he hoped to have better fortune next time."—Reuter.

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Leopold's meeting: "Let Belgium's unity perish, so that Wallonia may live. It is for Wallonia, whose freedom is at stake, that we are fighting now."

The Social Christian (Catholic) Party tonight denied the Privy Council's right to displace the responsibility for the solution of the Belgian crisis.

This responsibility, a communiqué said, lies solely with Parliament.

M. Paul Segers, Catholic Minister of Communications, in the caretaker Government, tonight appealed to tramwaymen, railwaymen, telephone and telegraph workers and postal employees not to take part in the strike. Government employees were warned that they would be subject to sanctions if they joined the strike.—Reuter.

DOCTOR'S HEROIC ACTION

San Francisco, March 23.
A naval reserve medical officer, who volunteered for 18 months duty at a leper colony, feels it is his Christian duty to aid the neglected.

Dr. Gordon C. McNelly left last night with his wife and children, including his four-month-old daughter, for the Pacific leper colony of Tinian.

"It is hard to put into words just why I want to go," Dr. McNelly said. "I have felt for a long time that we want to help people who have been for the most part neglected," said the physician, recently in practice at Santa Rosa, California.

"I am a Christian," the square-faced, soft-spoken doctor continued, "and as such I feel it is my duty to help where I can. This was the opportunity."

The 30-year-old Lieutenant (JG) minimised the risk to himself and his family.

"It's not very great," he said, "the disease is rarely transmitted to adults; although at Carville I saw four elderly patients who contracted the disease as adults. But I plan to keep the kids well away from the place."

For himself, he said, the only precaution against the disease will be ordinary cleanliness.

"Why," he said with a smile, "if you contracted it you might not know it for 20 years."

Casablanca, March 23.

The Duke of Edinburgh, and Vice-Admiral Earl Mountbatten, arrived at Rabat this afternoon for a lunch given in honour of the visiting naval dignitaries at the Residency. The lunch was given by General Alphonse Juin, French High Commissioner in Morocco.—Reuter.

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Rain-makers rained out

New York, March 23.
The New York City authorities cancelled the rain-making experiments planned for today. They were rained out.

Over 30 millimetres (1.175th inches) fell today, doing more for the city's depleted reservoirs than the leaders of the \$50,000 cloud-seeding project ever hoped to accomplish in one day.—Reuter.

FLYING SAUCERS AGAIN

Reports of the sighting of flying saucers were received in Hong Kong yesterday from such widely separated areas as North East Luzon, North Africa and Argentina.

United Press quotes a Press report from Tuguegarao in Cagayan province, North Eastern Luzon, saying that what appeared to be a flying saucer was seen at noon yesterday by the people of that town.

The report said a brilliant round object was visible for 40 minutes and was at a great altitude.

According to Reuter from Casablanca, 10 research workers and employees at the State tobacco research station near Fort Lyautey yesterday afternoon saw in the sky an object which appeared to be a flying saucer.

Jean Le Prevost, one of the research workers, told Reuter that the object passed over at great speed from East to West.

It was circular, flat and whitish with a red tail of smoke. He thought that it was about 5,000 feet up and that it glided in a curved about as large as the sun.

A flying saucer observed in the skies above Buenos Aires today was of more moderate proportions than most of those reported to have been sighted in various parts of South America, says Reuter.

This one was spotted by policemen at Central Headquarters. They said they observed it through glasses, flying from East to West at a great height and estimated that it had a diameter of only three inches.

The night before last, in Bahia, hundreds of people watched a saucer which was reported to have hovered stationary in the skies for two hours. The entire village of Arroyito, in Cordoba Province, turned out at the same time to watch a saucer but the National Observatory in Cordoba City on the following day expressed the belief that what they had seen was Venus which, they added, at this time of the year is visible to the naked eye in day-time.

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ACHESON CALLS IN FAR EAST EXPERTS

Talks concentrating on U.S. support of Bao Dai

Washington, March 23. The US Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and his leading advisers on Far East affairs today began an intensive new study today of United States aid measures for South East Asia.

Mr. Acheson called on the Ambassador-at-large, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, to report their findings on their recent survey trips.

Officials said that means of bolstering the now French-supported State of Vietnam against Communist pressure is now the most urgent matter.

EUROPE VITAL TO WORLD

Canberra, March 23. The Opposition leader, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, told the Australian House of Representatives today that the chances of getting any real Pacific pact on concrete terms are very remote.

Mr. Chifley, speaking in the foreign affairs debate, said that the problems of the Pacific are important, but the problem of Europe is vital to civilization. It might be 20 years before dangers would threaten Australia from the Pacific, but he had no doubt Russia could walk across Europe to day and be in Calais in a very short time.

"That would be only the beginning of a great world war," he continued. "Russia could no more stand the war that could arise than could the Western democracies."

"There is only one country that could stand a war—the United States—and war might completely demoralise even her country."

Mr. Chifley did not fear the creeping insidious Communism, the fifth column which has crept over Europe.—Reuter.

Italian pact with Turkey

Rome, March 23. The Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Necmeddin Sadak, arrived in Rome tonight to sign a new treaty of friendship with Italy. Adding a fresh link to the chain of understanding in the Eastern Mediterranean, the treaty will be signed tomorrow at the Italian Foreign Office.

The Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, who met Mr. Sadak at the airport, will sign for Italy. The treaty—of friendship and conciliation—is in the same terms as those signed between Greece and Italy in 1926 and Turkey and Italy in 1930.

The treaty also covers commercial exchanges and complementary judicial practice. The period covered by the treaty to be signed tomorrow has not been stated.

Mr. Sadak will stay for three days in Rome before going on to Paris next Monday.—Reuter.

PROMOTION FOR CHINESE MINERS

San Francisco, March 23. More than 5,000 miners in State Collieries in Manchuria have become trade union functionaries or administrative workers during the past three years, according to Peking Radio tonight.

It added, "This, among other similar examples, indicates that the Government's policy of 'relying on the working class' is being fully implemented."

Most of the promoted workers are said to have had a period of training in technical schools.—Reuter.

POPE RECEIVES JAPANESE

Vatican City, March 23. Pope Pius received in a special audience today the Japanese woman Senator Tomiko Wada Kora and Augustine Kinayama, former Secretary of the Japanese Embassy to the Holy See.—United Press.

GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY UP

London, March 23. The Labour Government won a vote by a majority of 42 in the House of Commons tonight. It was a vote on a motion for a new election.

More atomic espionage arrests

Des Moines, Iowa, March 23. Mr. Bourke Hickenlooper, Republican Senator, forecast here today several more "startling" arrests of people suspected of violating atomic security.

"Some of the arrests are in progress at this time," he said, "adding that the arrests would be closer to home than in the Fuchs case.—Reuter."

BURMA MUST BE HELPED

London, March 23.

An article in the "Financial Times" today declared it is clear that outside help to Burma is essential.

It added that three problems are paramount in Burma's future.

"Firstly, the actual ability of the Government to establish law and order before a worse tragedy overtakes this country."

"Secondly, the Government's willingness to admit non-Burmese capital and personnel so as to work resources at a high pitch of efficiency."

"Finally, the possibilities of co-operation and financial assistance from other countries."

"With the prospects of declining rice exports, Burma's foreign currency resources would doubtless feel the strain if Indian interests (chiefly in land) as well as the British, were compensated in sterling or convertible bonds," the "Financial Times" article continued.

"Here, the essential factor is again the peaceful and competent working of natural resources to put Burma in funds."

Dealing with the Communist threat, the article said that despite the leftist politics of the Burmese, there are few in the country, apart from the Communists, who would relish the loss of national independence to any bloc. In the fact of this threat a more developed sense of discipline and responsibility may emerge.

"But this has still to reveal itself to the British investor, who has on the modest assessment, £100,000,000 in the country."—Reuter.

Australia carries fight to the Reds

Canberra, March 23.

Australia today invoked far-reaching emergency powers—including the right of immediate arrest, the banning of meetings and the death penalty for treason—to fight labour disorders and Communism.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, invoking the Emergency Crimes Act, said that its powers would be used against Communists pending the passing of special legislation to be introduced soon to outlaw the Communist Party in Australia.

Faced with a steel and shipping strike crisis, the country also proclaimed a state of serious industrial disturbance.

The proclamation, issued by the Governor-General, said that the situation was prejudicial or threatening trade and commerce with other countries and among the States of Australia.

Mr. Menzies told a tense House of Representatives, "We will deal with Communists here and for all. We will carry the fight to the Communists."

The proclamation arose directly from a series of "rolling strikes" on the Brisbane waterfront but the Government's new powers, which would be exercised with vigour and complete determination, would apply to other current strikes.

He gave the House details of accumulated losses in cargo handling over a long period and said that 10,000 boxes of butter and thousands of tons of general cargo intended for Britain left unloaded on the wharves.

Death penalty

The Crimes Act gives the Federal Government powers to meet almost everything from treason, sabotage, attempted revolution down to forgery and offences against police officers.

Penalties range from death for treason to various terms of imprisonment.

It covers offences of a Federal law over and above laws already applied by individual States.

Mr. Menzies described the penalties under the proclamation and said that it stated plainly what could happen to people who inspired this lawless policy.

It was understood here that the Government would await weekend events before enforcing the powers proclaimed.

Political strike

Labour Members expressed the unofficial opinion that the Queensland shipping dispute was not an economic strike in a depressed industry. Labour had given the watersiders all kinds of good conditions, these observers said, but they persisted in industrial action.

They felt that the strike was political and that there would not be any whole hearted response from the trade union movement to Communist appeals for assistance.

The Brisbane shipping strike began in Sydney in January and has since spread to other Australian ports.

Strikes in the rich coalfields of Northern New South Wales during the past three weeks have threatened a crisis in the Australian steel industry.

Tramwaymen in Victoria have been on strike since February 22 in support of their demand for higher wages.—Reuter.

POLICE STONED IN FRANCE

Roanne, March 23. Fifteen policemen were injured, two of them seriously, and 23 arrests were made today when about 1,500 people tried to prevent tanks and other war materials being taken from the arsenal to the railway station at Roanne, Central France.

A crowd gathered in response to Communist leaflets and threw stones at police and Republican Security Guards.—Reuter.

Luebeck, March 23.

The German authorities here tonight discounted reports that the Russians have prepared for V-weapons manoeuvres in the Baltic next month. They had heard nothing like this.—Reuter.

Destroyers' tour to continue

Two American destroyers will continue their goodwill visit to South East Asia ports despite the Communist-led riots which occurred when they touched at Saigon.

Meanwhile, the American economic mission now in Asia has urged that American medical supplies and farm tools be rushed to Vietnam to back up the naval gesture to Indo-China with concrete aid.

The destroyers, Richard Anderson and Slickell, left Saigon on Monday after a week-end of riots. They are due to stop next at Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, another State of Indo-China, where there is also trouble with Ho Chi-minh's revolutionaries.

A despatch from Bangkok said today that a Bangkok newspaper had urged the United States Navy to cancel an air show planned for that city to avoid trouble with Communists. The Navy said, however, that its ships do not plan to visit any other Far Eastern country except Vietnam and Cambodia.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

Liberal cabinet formed in Greece

Athens, March 23.

A new Greek Government under the Greek Liberal leader, M. Sophocles Venizelos, was sworn in by King Paul tonight.

M. Venizelos, leader of the second largest party to emerge from the March 5 elections, decided that he would present an all-Liberal list of Ministers to the King.

The list—not yet completed—was approved by the King, contained only one non-Liberal Party Minister, M. Fanayolis Caneopoulos, United Party leader, was named Minister of Defence and Vice-Premier.

The other members of the new Cabinet under M. Venizelos are: Prime Minister, Interior, M. Panagiotis Natsios; Finance, M. Phokas Zaimis; Press, M. Georgios Cassimatis; Education, M. George Athanassiadi-Vas; Communications, M. Eustathios Malandras; Hygiene and Welfare, M. Dimitrios Glavanis; Supply, M. Dimitrios Contas.

The new Cabinet's first statement came tonight from the Press Minister, M. Cassimatis, who said: "In presenting itself to Parliament, if the new Cabinet receives a vote of confidence, it will assume its value and accordingly will consider its future action."

The move of the Liberals to take over the Government as a party was a breach of an agreement among the four major parties that they would form a Centre Coalition.

In the still incomplete election, returns delayed mostly by the Army vote—the Liberals have so far only 41 out of the 250 seats in Parliament, trailing behind M. Constantin Tsaldaris's Populists by 10 seats.

Observers expect the new Premier will soon add leaders from other parties to his Cabinet. They drew this conclusion from the Premier's failure to enlist some of the leading members of his own party in the new Government.

Diplomatic quarters were astounded by the solution of the Cabinet problem, saying that an almost all-Liberal Government hardly responds to the wishes of the electorate, which gave the four major parties only slightly varying support on March 5.

In a brief statement, the new Prime Minister said: "The objective has been for a political government made up of a Cabinet. I regret that the other Centre Parties are not participating in the Government."

FLOOD MENACE IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, March 23.

Floods in large areas of New South Wales have forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes and many more are preparing to do so as the position threatens to become worse during the next 48 hours.

Continuous heavy rains have caused rivers to overflow or burst their banks, isolating several small towns.

Three hundred men, women and children waded in darkness through "surgic" flood waters from their homes when a section of the Snowy River broke its banks and inundated flat farmlands in the Gippsland district.

Police and volunteers in boats worked throughout the night to carry scores of people to safety. Many refugees, trapped by rising waters, lit fires on the hills to attract the attention of rescuers.—Reuter.

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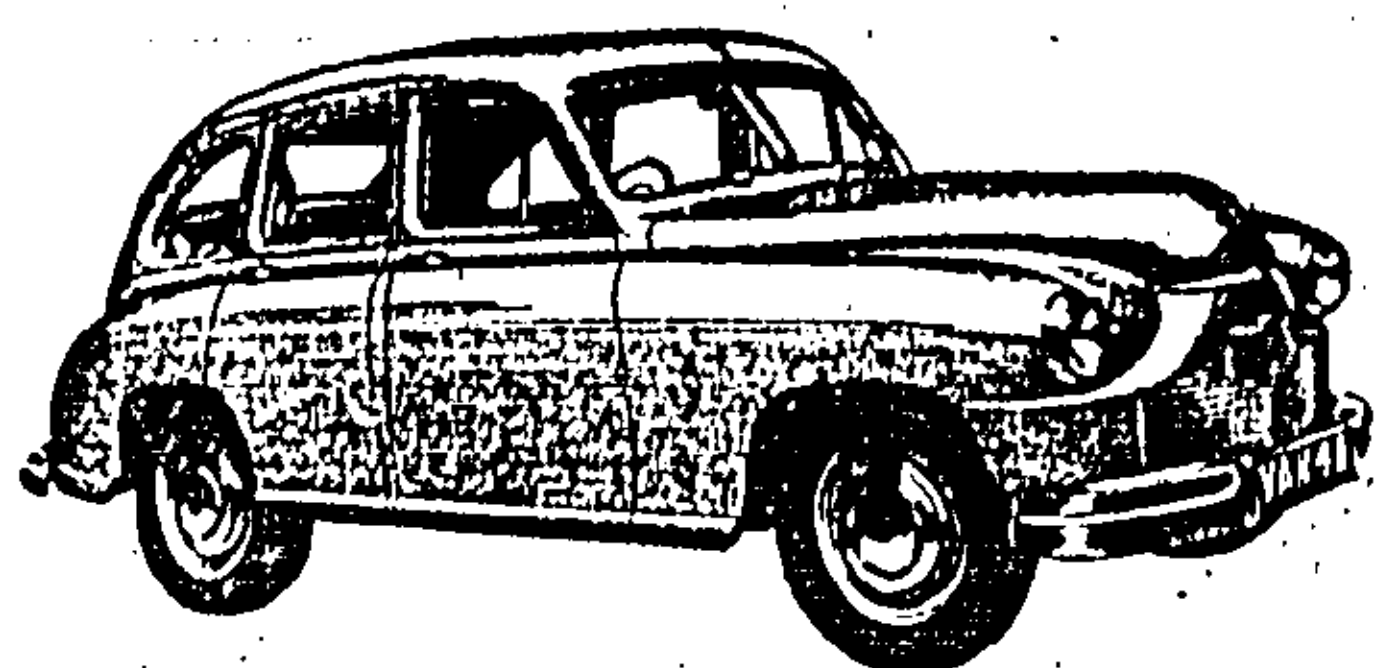
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American personnel buy British

On the roads in the North of England these days there may be seen many new export models, not on their way to the ports but in the hands of lucky local owners who have ordered them perhaps only a week or two previously.

The answer lies in the existence of the extensive United States Air Force base near Warrington, Lancs, and the operations of the American services' Post Exchange through which the U.S. personnel can acquire British cars at the British basic price (less Purchase Tax), paid in dollars.

The scheme started up early in November, and within two months 93 vehicles had been delivered, and still they come.

They are strictly export designs, with left-hand drive, and the buyers have to sign a document that they will not resell the cars in Britain, so that normally they will take them back to the States. British Road Fund licences have, of course, to be taken out for all such cars, and the owners rely upon the normal basic ration which is bought at the civilian petrol stations.

Supplementary rations are acquired in just the same way as by the ordinary British motorist.

"When I went to see what was doing at Burtonwood," writes a special correspondent, "I found that the favourite type was the Morris Minor, export models of which had been acquired by over 40 of the purchasers concerned."

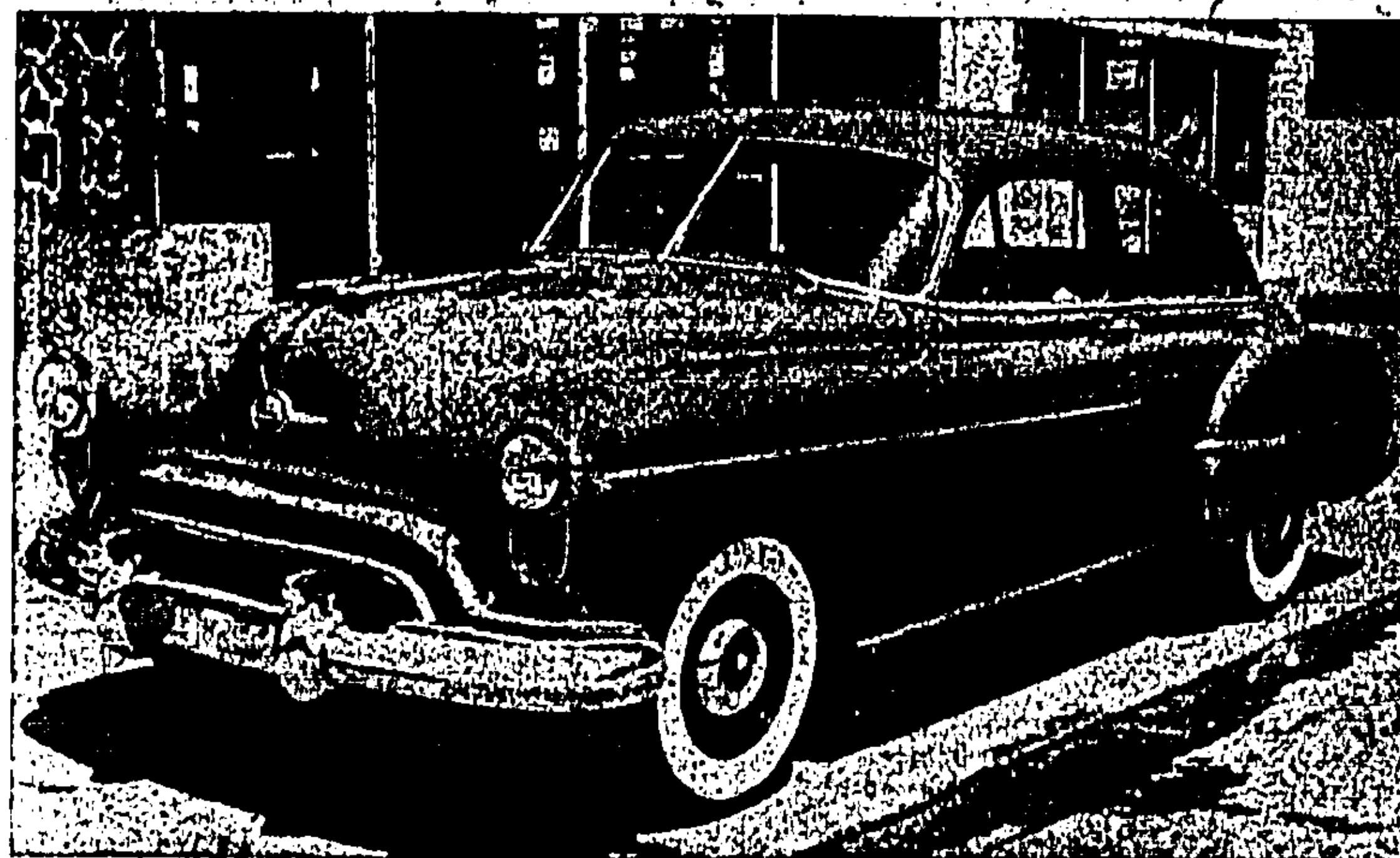
"I also encountered owners of Ford Anglias, as well as A40 and A50 Austins, while I believe that among other makes favoured have been the Vanguard and the M.G."

"One Morris Minor owner, who in the States runs an Oldsmobile, told me that with his new car he often drove at 55-60 m.p.h. and had completed some 1,700 miles in his two months' ownership. Agreeing that the Minor was snappy enough, he praised it for fuel economy, for its ease of parking and for its being 'fine for the wife to drive'."

Many purchasers, it seems, like nothing better than to take delivery in time to set off for a leave spent on the Continent so that despite short periods of ownership some of the motorists have substantial figures, such as

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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS



The new 1950 Oldsmobile "88"

Comfort, power stressed in new Oldsmobile

By Our Motoring Editor

The argument as to which is the better car, the British or the American, has been going on for years despite the fact that there can be no comparison when units of two different categories are involved.

So, perhaps for many more years to come, the driver of a British small car will swear by his vehicle, while the owner of the large American limousine will frown on the smallness of a 12-horsepower car.

American cars, on the whole, have the claim to greater comfort, roominess and power, and the new Oldsmobile "Futuramic '88," for which Triangle Motors, in Happy Valley, are the local agents, is definitely an excellent American car.

In a recent road test by the "China Mail," the 1950 Oldsmobile proved itself a car of which a driver can be proud. Powered by the eight-cylinder "Rocket" engine developing 135 brake horsepower at 3,000 r.p.m., the car features the Hydra-Matic drive which makes motoring a real pleasure.

The Hydra-Matic drive is a type of transmission which reduces driving to the simplest possible terms. It eliminates gear shifting, eliminates clutch pedal pushing. All the driver does

(after selecting the direction in which he wants to go—forward or back) is:

1. Steer the car. 2. Step on the accelerator, to determine the speed. 3. Step on the brake when he wants to stop. The Hydra-Matic drive does the rest—and does so perfectly that the Oldsmobile's performance is remarkably improved!

High-compression

In Oldsmobile's high-compression engine, the mixture of air and gasoline is compressed to an unusual degree before being ignited. The shape of the combustion chamber, with the valves overhead, concentrates the fuel charge directly over the piston. It permits unrestricted flow of fuel into the cylinders as well as full escape of burned gases.

This provides high power output, with less tendency for detonation.

The "Rocket" is the smooth engine. The roughness ordinarily associated with high-compression has been entirely eliminated by such engineering advancements as: "unit-casting" of crankshaft and cylinder banks; rigid integrated block reinforcement; short, sturdy, 5-bearing crankshaft with much less "whip" at critical speeds; precision balancing and scientific counterbalancing to cancel out all centrifugal forces developed.

In the "Rocket," there's no "tappet noise" from the overhead valve mechanism. The "Rocket's" valve lifters automatically adjust the tappets to zero clearance—assuring quietness, longer valve life, and better all-round engine performance. Here again, Oldsmobile has paired Futuramic engineering with Futuramic production facilities to provide the driver with Futuramic power—high-compression power.

The car's external features are similar to last year's. A well-designed body by Fisher and a pleasing interior add to driving comfort.

Protecting compound

Known as Underseal, this compound was originally developed in America. The two main objects are to protect exposed under portions of both chassis and body from abrasive and corrosive action and to act as a sound-deadening medium.

The Underseal compound is applied by pressure spray equipment after the parts to be treated have been thoroughly cleaned, the compound drying to a tacky state in 20 minutes and fully in about four hours.

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3,000 miles in a month, to their credit.

"Comparable with the American cars but finished better," was the verdict of an A50 convertible driver who said that his car would do everything he asked.

Many of the Americans have small points of criticism, but they seem united in praise for the finish and in particular for the British leather or leather-cloth upholstery, which they find vastly preferable to American trimmings.

Owing to housing difficulties, substantial numbers of the married airmen are hiring caravans, in which to live, from Northern firms.

In many cases, of course, cars have been brought from the U.S. and from the Continent, and large numbers of drivers stationed at the base have joined the Automobile Association in order to secure that organisation's help in their travels.

It should, however, be pointed out that Underseal does not harden completely and this flexibility has the double advantage of preventing it being loosened or cracked by vibration and assisting its sound-deadening properties.

The makers state that Underseal is unaffected by atmospheric temperature changes, the product neither losing its elasticity at minus 30 degrees F. nor softening and flowing at 300 degrees F. It is also claimed that it does not complicate repair work, nuts and bolts which have been coated with it being easy to remove when necessary.

It is recommended that a coating of at least 1/4 in. in thickness is applied and this entails the use of from four to six gallons in the case of a medium-sized car, this quantity allowing for treatment of the chassis frame, floorboards, petrol tank, wings and so on.

Underseal is also suitable for treating the inside of the bonnet, where it is recommended that the coating should be applied 1/4-in. to 3/8-in. thick in the centre and feathered out towards the edges.

Naturally, Underseal adds somewhat to the weight of a car but, allowing for the evaporation of solvents after application, the manufacturers state that this does not normally exceed 30 lb.

The cost of treating a car varies according to size and condition (since it is important that the parts concerned should be absolutely clean before application).

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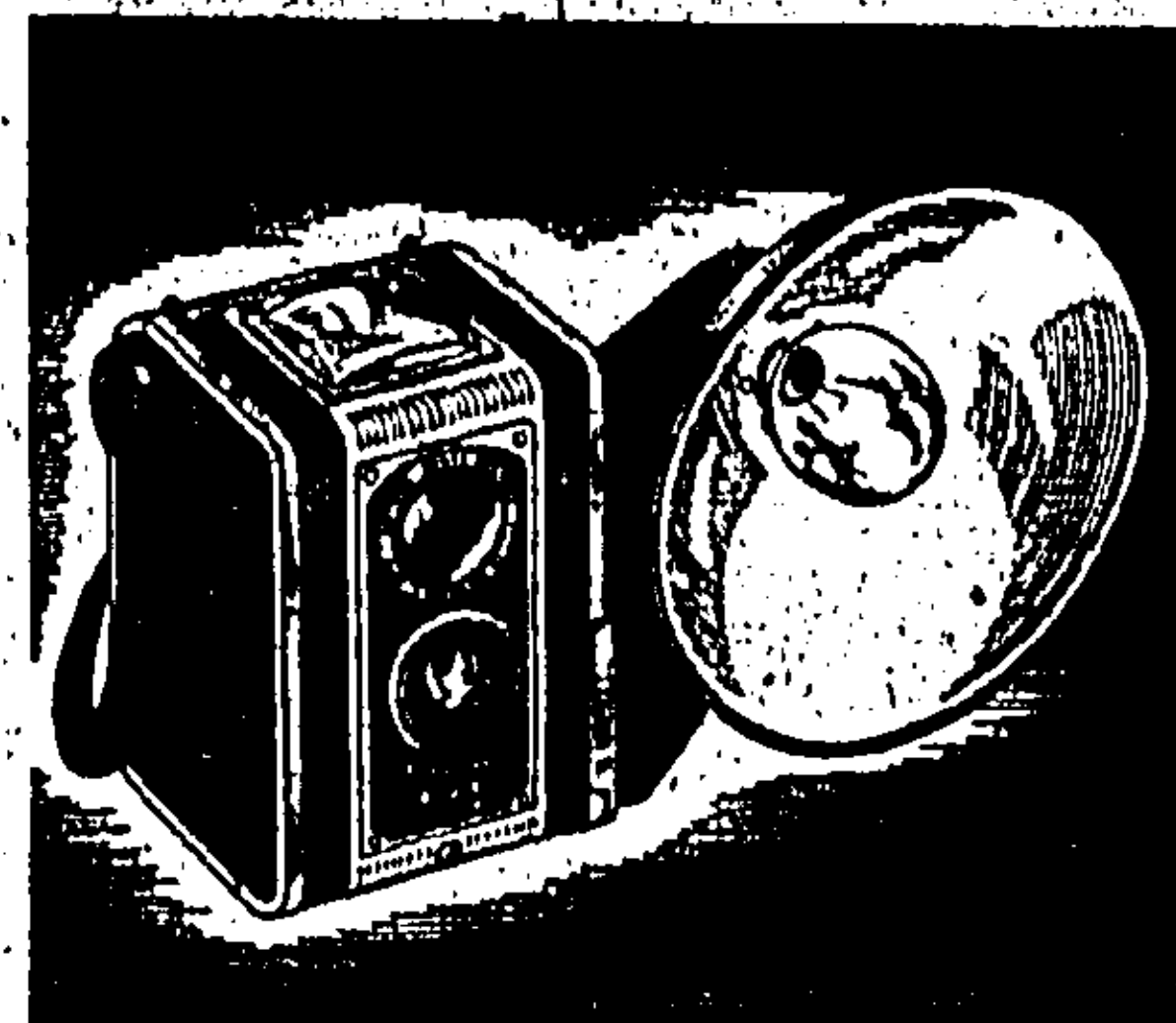
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RICE LOAN TO BURMA AGREED BY COMMONS

London, March 23. The House of Commons today agreed to a British Government "rice" loan of £500,000 to Burma for use by the Burmese State Agricultural Board.

An Opposition motion formally opposing the loan—a Parliamentary method of eliciting information—was withdrawn after Mr. Ernest Davies, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, had replied to the debate.

He said that it was a straightforward, normal commercial loan and that no money would be handed over until the rice was provided.

No political conditions would be attached to the loan, if it finally went through, he said.

Mr. Frederick Erroll, who opened the debate for the Opposition, said that the Burmese Government had decided to make the State Agricultural Board a permanent feature of its economy. The Board, with a monopoly of the export of all the rice grown in Burma, was in effect a bulk selling organisation—one of those often given as an excuse by the British Government for having to resort to bulk buying, Mr. Erroll said.

He thought that if the marketing and export of rice was done by civilian firms as before the war the loan would have been unnecessary.

Mr. Erroll complained that according to a circular letter sent out by the Burmese State Marketing Board the buyer must accept any quality of rice.

A particularly obnoxious feature of this was that in any dispute the rice, though it might be admitted not to be of the right quality, could not be rejected by the buyer. He must submit to arbitration, not to the independent arbitration which was a feature of pre-war rice-dealing in Burma, but by a surveyor appointed by the Union of Burma.

Japan a buyer

He considered that the British Government should have secured the benefits of independent arbitration in return for the proposed loan.

Mr. Erroll said that from newspaper reports it appeared that Japan intended to buy large quantities of rice from Burma and Siam. A figure of 500,000 tons had been mentioned.

Burma's rice exports this season were about 700,000 tons.

"Can we be entirely sure we will get the rice for which this loan is intended?" he asked.

Was there not a danger that preferential treatment would be given to Japan who was now coming into the market in such a big way and with the attractions of other forms of trading which would perhaps suit the Burmese very well?

No concern of the banks

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour, deprecated making conditions for the loan. Britain would not think of accepting conditions from the United States Government when accepting Marshall aid, on how she ran her internal affairs, he said. Private enterprise was not in the least bit concerned with the welfare of South East Asia and merely said this was not a good commercial risk.

"The fact that is extremely important for democracy in South East Asia that Burma should be able to keep up the rice crop and be able to sell it in India, Pakistan and Ceylon is no concern of the bank," he said.

Sensitivities in Burma about foreign interference was extremely high. There had been a tremendous rise in nationalist feeling and any attempt to impose conditions on Burma might well give a fillip to Communism in Burma.

Mr. John Blomfield, Labour, who went to Burma recently with a Parliamentary delegation, said that Burma was in the front line of anti-Communism and food was the first weapon in anti-Communism. This loan would help Burma's food production.

Mr. Richard Butler, former Under-Secretary for India and Burma, objected to Labour back-bench criticism of the Conservative motion formally opposing the loan. He said that this was merely a method of confining a debate—which was on the Civil Estimates—to a particular subject. He saw no reason why, subject to the Minister's reply, his supporters should press the matter.

No conditions

The Opposition had not been told about this loan and would have learned nothing about it if they had not followed the present procedure, he said.

Mr. Davies said that the loan might never be called upon. It was agreed at the Colombo Conference as a joint Commonwealth loan. Its object was to facilitate the buying of rice by India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Britain.

It was a straightforward commercial loan, the terms of which were still to be negotiated. Britain would be buying for herself and the colonial territories, including Malaya and Ceylon. It was not possible to reveal the probable amounts to be taken by Britain and other Commonwealth countries.

He stressed that no political conditions were attached to the loan.

BANK OF CHINA REORGANISATION

San Francisco, March 23. The Bank of China has today 13 new directors, and five supervisors, Peking Radio reported tonight when it said that these appointments had been made by the Central People's Government.

The Bank is operated jointly by State and private capital, the Radio said.

Pointing out that two-thirds of its shares formerly belonged to the Kuomintang, the Radio stated that these shares had now been taken over by the Peking Government, the new directors and supervisors represented this part of share holdings.

All the directors and supervisors representing the remaining one-third of private share capital would remain as at present, "with the exception of war criminals," the Radio added.

The present position as a whole is expected to strengthen the bank and make its work more efficient, it said.—Reuter.

SUPER-BOMBER DOWN IN DESERT

Tucson, Arizona, March 23.

One of America's new long-range super-bombers, the B-50, crashed with 14 people in the flat Arizona Desert today, killing at least nine, according to first reports.

The plane, a modernised version of the B-29 Superfortress, crashed west of Gila Bend on a routine training flight. The South Pacific Railway office at nearby Hyder reported that nine bodies were found. Two airmen were still alive but the fate of the others was not known, it added.

Officials believed an engine caught fire when the bomber was flying at over 16,000 feet.

An American Air Force Dakota transport plane crashed and burst into flames in a driving showerstorm near New York today, killing one man and injuring another slightly.

The crash occurred just after the plane had taken off from Rome, near New York.—Reuter.

The third of six articles on:

The Chinese Revolution

The quarter century in China from 1924-1949 is the age of Chiang Kai-Shek.

Chiang was the son of a small rural landowner in Chekiang province near Shanghai. He lost his father early and was brought up by his mother, who seems to have been a woman of very strong character. Chiang decided to become a soldier and went for part of his training to Japan. Here he met Sun Yat-sen and decided to devote his life to the service of the Kuomintang. For some years his fortunes went through the same ups and downs as those of Sun Yat-sen and his Party. At one time when the Party was out of power Chiang became a stockbroker in Shanghai. On one occasion he was sent by Sun Yat-sen to Russia to study the Russian revolution.

His great opportunity came in 1924. In that year Sun Yat-sen realised that the reason why his Party had never reached beyond the outskirts of real power was that it did not possess an army. The Kuomintang was a party of politicians. They depended for defence on the professional war lords whom they could persuade or pay to work for them. One after another these generals betrayed the party. It is said that Sun Yat-sen was much impressed by a sentence of the old Italian political thinker, Machiavelli, "All armed prophets have perished, and the unarmed ones have been destroyed."

To gain power for the Kuomintang, Sun Yat-sen decided to give it an army. The first step was to build up a corps of officers, and as principal officer training college, the celebrated Whampoa Military Academy. Sun Yat-sen appointed Chiang Kai-shek as its first commander. He came the accepted leader of the most up-to-date military men in China. Personal loyalty, especially the loyalty of pupils to teachers, means more in China than in any other country. In the world Chiang could count on the ablest officers, through this, and this, he had the great majority of the officers in the army which followed him. This was the ultimate secret of his hold on the country.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Flying saucers coming up

NEW YORK, TUESDAY. If you are a small man, better not visit the United States just now. You are liable to be taken for a midget pilot of a space-ship.

New York is probably safe enough, but out in Los Angeles or Denver, in South Carolina, it is dangerous to be tiny.

The people there gaze at the sky and see flying saucers. They find a piece of metal on a hillside and it is the wreckage of a machine from Mars.

Fear complex?

The lynx-eyed, lately, are even spotting dwarf aviators, goblins in goggles, pilots only 2ft. high.

I thought we had heard the last of the flying-disk madness. So did the Air Force, which carried out a solemn investigation and reported: "No evidence of inter-planetary machines."

But the flying saucers are back with us. I brace myself for even more bizarre reports, until every kitchen utensil starts to fly. After the saucer the saucerpan, and after that, no doubt, the revolving refrigerator and the whirling dervish dish-washer.

What has got into the minds of people when they see apparitions in the heavens? Psychiatrists blame the universal fear complex and the urge to diversion and escape.

It is now plain that the cocktail party has replaced the Communist Party as the great American menace. There have been so many cocktail parties lately in Washington that the Press is demanding an inquiry into those staged by Government agencies.

Parties have become one of the great American industries. They are big business. The American Foreign Office, which calls itself the State Department, spent £40,000 on entertainment last year and plans to spend more this year.

A single big Washington or New York party costs as much as a house—£3,000 to £4,000. At a typical one the other day 500 guests consumed eight cases of champagne, seven cases of Scotch and Bourbon, one case of gin, six bottles of sherry, 50lb. of fish, 100lb. of ham, 120lb. of turkey, 30lb. of beef, 10lb. of goose-liver, 15 gallons of salad, 1,500 pots of cold canapés, 700 rolls.

Why they're given

This is too much, particularly when the taxpayer foots the bill.

Why are such parties given? For Government contracts, for publicity, to make important contacts, and to show off.

They're also given to help get rid of the piles of surplus food. The Government, running out of

caves and storehouses, have now turned to storing grain in condemned gymnasiums, broken-down airplane hangars, and abandoned ships.

Next week they may be using old shoe-boxes and laundry bags. Meanwhile, they give parties.

I attend two or three a week out of a stern sense of duty. The best parties are private ones.

One I enjoyed most last week was given by Prince Serge Obolensky and Cecil Beaton, to unveil a new apartment which Cecil Beaton has decorated in the Sherry Netherland Hotel.

Janet Gaynor and designer husband Adrian were guests of honour, and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Lady Ribblesdale, Lord and Lady Duncannon, Lord Carnarvon, Gertrude Lawrence, Michael Arlen, and several other celebrities attended.

'Luckiest writer'

Lord Carnarvon cornered me and said: "Your Diary is cement for Anglo-American relations." Now it has been called everything.

Michael Arlen said: "I am the luckiest writer alive. I am 54, very fit, slim, and extraordinarily indolent. But I am no idler."

"For several years I've been working on another book—not an other 'Green Hat'—nothing like that—but about people I have met and places I have gone to in the past 10 years."

Arlen's definition of an Englishman: "A man who has never been able to tell a lie about others and never willing to tell the truth about himself."

Women now outnumber men in the United States by 1,000,000. Perhaps this fact is making them reckless. The American female has taken to roller-skating, and the roller derby has become a multi-million-dollar business—a bloody business which involves collisions while skating at 35 m.p.h., broken noses, smashed teeth.

The Amazon has returned to battle and the roller brawl is common across the continent. Races are being promoted from coast to coast and new stars are being born—women who are fine roller-skaters and all-in wrestlers.

The biggest names are Toughie Braschi, Slugger Kealey, and Gerry Murray, of the New York roller-skating team.

They draw the fans in thousands to the rinks. Chief promoter of the roller derby is Leo Seltzer, who has cashed in on the new craze.

He says: "The roller brawl satisfies the primitive in women. Many have told me that they

have been timid too long, and they want to show they are tough. That's why this roller-skating, with women kicking, biting, gouging, and scratching each other, has caught on."

Mr. Seltzer wonders if the roller derby brawl would click in England. I say No.

A man who knows more about women than they know themselves is portrait-painter Michael Werboff, who offers this advice to females: "Among the things most women have to learn about are make-up, nail polish, colours, and when to have their noses puffed; most women put too much powder on their noses and too much red on their lips."

"If women are smart they will use a light-coloured nail polish or none at all. Ninety-nine out of a hundred women shouldn't be painted in lavender or green."

This expert on women is, of course, a bachelor.

How are the British doing this week in New York? Only so-so. We are given full marks for our turbine car, although Detroit seems to be indifferent, but black marks for our dollar drive.

Travellers say Britain is not offering incentives to the American tourist, but most people here regard England and merely as a place to drop in en route for the Continent.

British hotels, food, drink, particularly the high prices, are being criticised. There is growing reluctance to hand out more money.

Radicals' song

The radical Union of New York Veterans, planning picketing of arms shops to Europe, sings this to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean":

"My bonus is over the ocean,
My bonus is over the sea.
My bonus lies straight towards Churchill,
O bring back my bonus to me."

John Gunther's book on Franklin Roosevelt entitled "Roosevelt in Retrospect or Inside FDR" is the best yet. It tells about Roosevelt the man, what he thought of sex and money, of religion, how he used his charm.

"Best-seller here is John Hersey's 'The Wall.' Many critics call it a masterpiece.

Tomorrow is income-tax payday in the United States. Taxes are about two-third of the levy in England.

Fashion's latest

Hush news: New spring hats are due to sprout flowers, birds, and bees. Women will carry buckets of blossoms on their heads. Dresses are tubular. Star-sprinkled stockings have arrived. Holy Year has inspired cardinal-red skull-caps, cassock coats, cross-shaped jewellery.

Tartan dinner-jackets for men, following the King's example, are being featured by New York tailors.

The best-designed dresses are those that keep onlookers on-looking.

Footnote: The flying saucers are not everyone's cup of tea.

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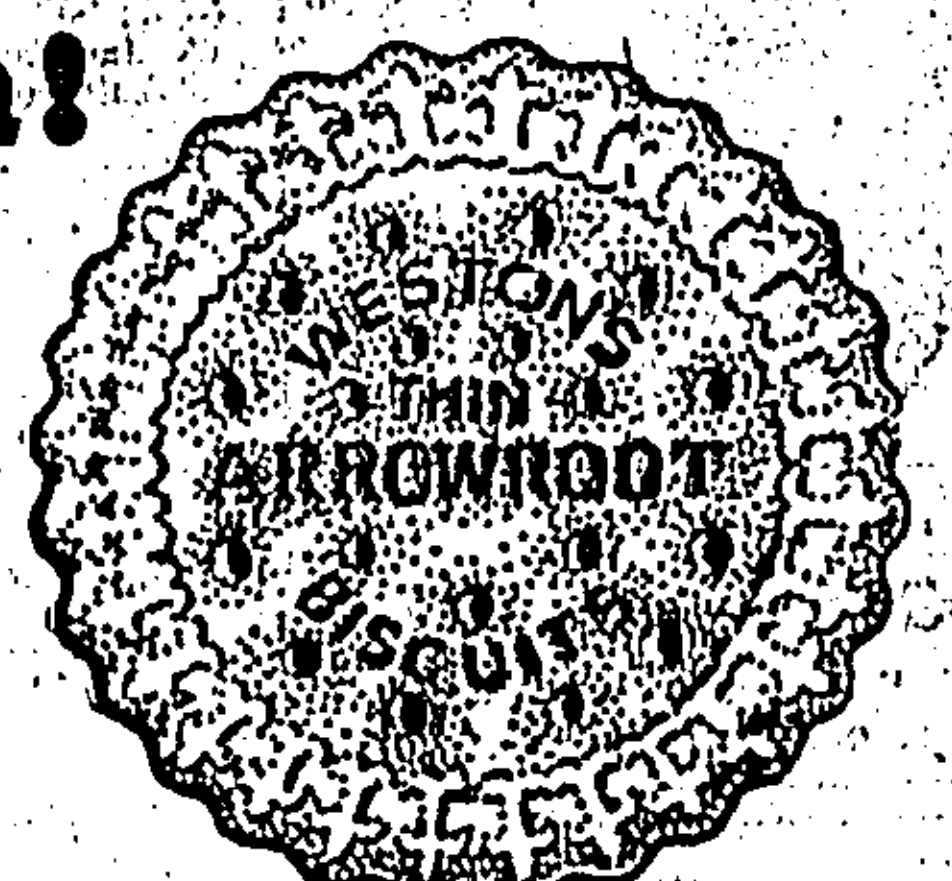
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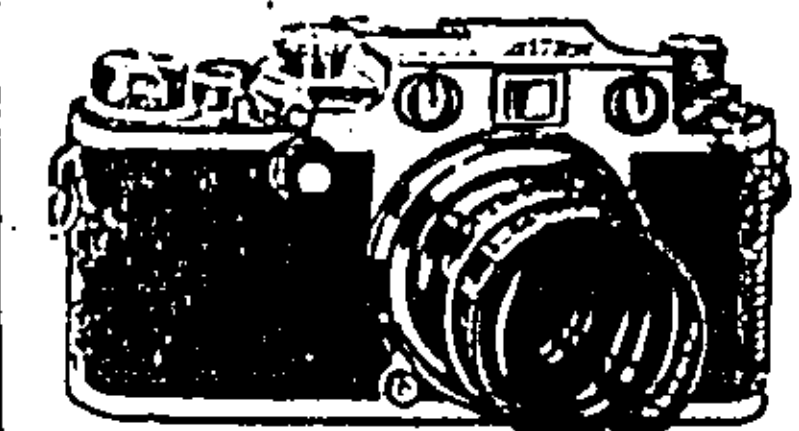
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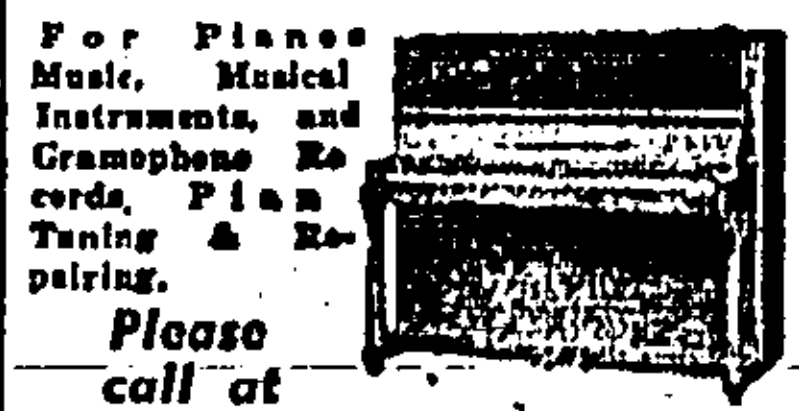
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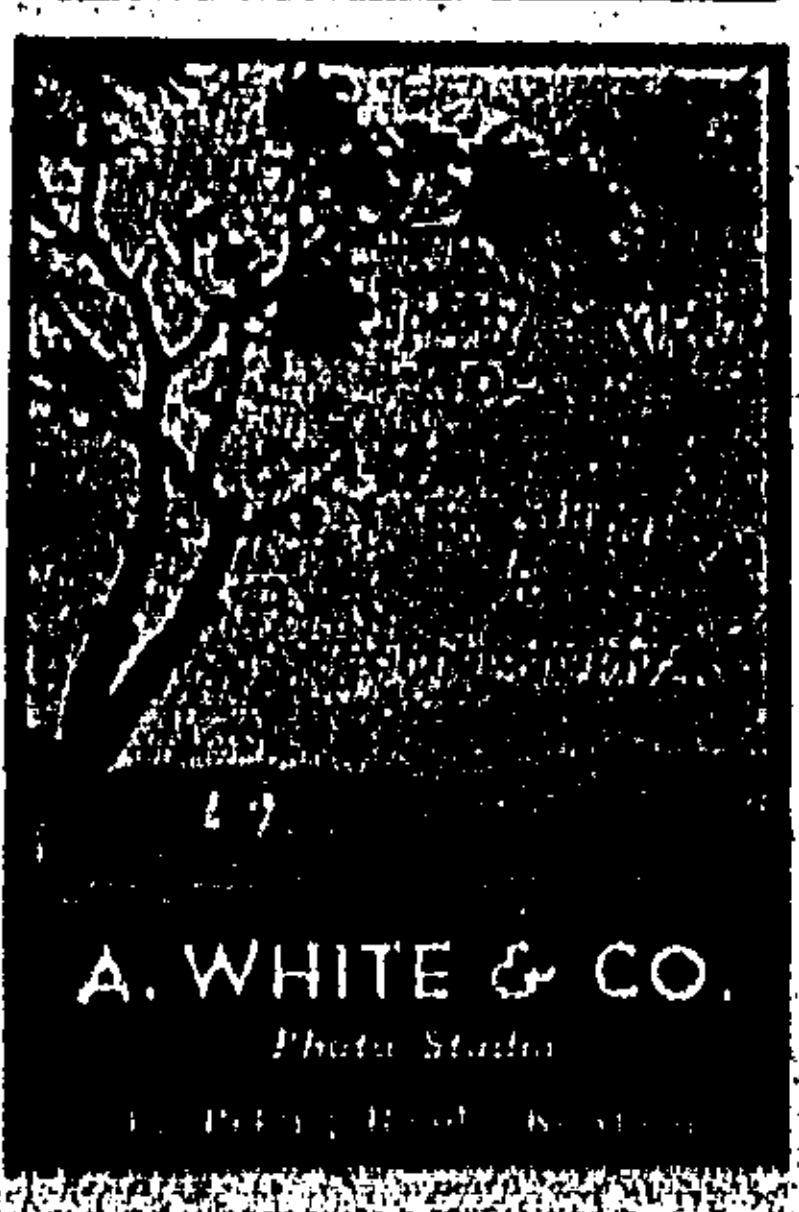


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Moscow keeps up the attack on Mr. Acheson

London, March 23.
The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" today said that Mr. Dean Acheson, the United States Secretary of State, admitted in his speech of March 15 the advent of a new era, according to Moscow Radio.
"But while admitting this he advertises a policy aimed at reversing the wheel of events," the paper declared.

"Pravda" claimed that India and the Philippines while allegedly independent were in fact subject to colonial rule.
"The continuation of American reactionary colonial policy in Asia will inevitably bring about new failures and defeats," the Communist organ declared.

"Pravda" said that Mr. Acheson made a slanderous attack on the Soviet Union, resorting to "the most abject lies." Answering Mr. Acheson point by point the paper described as "lie No. 1" the statement that in 1945 the Soviet Army seized Manchurian property.

"Mr. Acheson forgets that the Red Army routed the Kwantung Japanese Army and captured Japanese war material as booty," "Pravda" said.

"Lie No. 2" was the allegation made by Mr. Acheson that as a result of the re-valuation of the rouble China would not get the full share of the Soviet credit due to her under the Sino-Soviet agreement.

"Mr. Acheson again forgets that to ensure against a devaluation of the dollar the agreement provides for credit of 300,000,000 gold dollars calculated at the parity of 35 ounces of gold," "Pravda" continued, according to Moscow Radio.

"New colonialism"

The Soviet paper defined as the "positive" aim of American policy in Asia "the subjugation of South East Asia to American military and political control, under the pretext of fighting Communism, and the seizure of rich natural resources by American capital." "Mr. Acheson's trade about the freedom and independence of Asian peoples is only a masquerade camouflaging new forms of colonial domination and imperialism," the paper said.

BURMA RIVER CROSSING FAILS

Rangoon, March 23.
Government forces captured the boats of Karen insurgents trying to cross the Irrawaddy River at Maubin township, an official announcement claimed today.
The insurgents lost many lives and all their arms, the announcement said.
It added that Karens were sniping at river boats on the Irrawaddy delta. Their victims included three women passengers who were injured.
Government forces also claimed the repulse, with heavy casualties, of a Karen assault in the delta town of Danyubyu.—Reuters.

Indian socialist's call for unity

Calcutta, March 23.
Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, the Indian Socialist leader, suggested here today that the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, immediately convene a conference of representative Indians, to evolve a national policy to deal with the situation created by the disturbances in East Bengal.

Mr. Narayan, who is Secretary-General of the Socialist Party of India, told a Press conference: "At this hour, when the nation is in great peril, people should cease talking in different voices, and should evolve a common policy of action."
"If there was any time for dispassionate thinking and united action it is now."
The Socialist leader said that whatever national policy might be formulated it was the duty of all parties to preserve peace in the country and guarantee to Moslem citizens not only freedom from fear but also an equal and honourable status with other citizens of the country.
Replying to critics who had charged him and the Socialist Party with being warmongers, Mr. Narayan said that the suggestion for armed intervention to protect human rights and lives in East Bengal did not mean conquest or annexation of East Pakistan.

He added that if Pakistan failed to maintain peace and guarantee full security to minorities in East Bengal, India will be justified in sending troops to create that condition there.
The Socialist leader said he had placed before Pandit Nehru the

"Pravda" cited India and the Philippines as countries "allegedly" independent but in fact subject to colonial rule.

"India," the paper said, "is deprived of machine-building industries, that foundation of industrialism, only because American monopolies oppose their creation as this would lessen India's colonial dependence on imperialism."
"The American monopolies in India conveniently forgetting the almost daily shooting of strikers, dissatisfied peasants and democratic meetings. The preservation of British domination in Burma and Ceylon, which remain British semi-colonies, appears to Mr. Acheson as an ideal situation," "Pravda" added.—Reuters.

TRADE SWITCH BY JAPAN

Tokyo, March 24.
A switch-over of emphasis in foreign trade from Sterling to Dollar areas during the first quarter of the fiscal year 1950 (April to June) is planned, according to the draft of the foreign currency budget submitted for study to the Council of Cabinet Ministers yesterday by the Economic Stabilisation Board.

The chief feature of this foreign currency budget is the slashing of imports from the Sterling Area to a quarter of that of the period January to March.
Approximately US\$138,000,000 have been allocated for imports of which \$50,000,000 are for Dollar imports, \$17,000,000 for imports from Sterling Area, \$40,000,000 for Open Account imports and the remainder for imports from other sources.

A shortage of Sterling funds, resulting from the slump in exports from Sterling areas, is held responsible for the planned switch in import emphasis.—Reuters.

"SUICIDE FOR GERMANY"

Bonn, March 23.
The extreme Nationalist Major-General Otto Ernest Remer declared in a newspaper today that it would be suicide for Germans to join an anti-Soviet front.
Major-General Remer, who smashed the Berlin rising timed to coincide with the Hitler bomb plot on July 20, 1944, wrote, "The bringing of West Germany into the Atlantic Pact would provoke with absolute certainty, a Russian preventive war."
"We have no longer any chance of choosing between West or East. A strict neutrality is the only guarantee for the avoidance of a German civil war," the Major-General wrote.—Reuters.

Flood control in China

London, March 23.
Ambitious plans to save millions of acres in Communist China from flooding and conserve surplus water for new irrigation schemes, include the changing of the courses of two rivers in North Kiangsu, according to a New China News Agency report received here.

The Rivers Yi and Shu will be diverted to the sea across the East China plain, North West of Shanghai.

The scheme will not be completed until 1952, but water conservancy plans for 1950 include a 2,000-mile canal system in Manchuria and the raising of dykes along the treacherous Yangtze and Yellow Rivers.—Reuters.

GOLD MARKET IN MANILA

Manila, March 24.
Gold producers in the Philippines are finding unexpected buyer resistance. Prices last month fluctuated around P115 an ounce. Today's bids were around P97.

Usually reliable sources report that over 2,000 tael of gold have been surreptitiously imported into Manila, it is believed, from Taiwan or Hong Kong, where prices are at present considerably below Manila.—Reuters.

ITALY NEAR NORMAL AFTER MORE RIOTS

Rome, March 23.
Italy returned to near normal today after yesterday's 12-hour nationwide strike, called by the the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour.

Thousands of armed policemen and soldiers took over the market town of San Severo, near Foggia, in Southern Italy, today after a street battle between police and 4,000 strikers.

The strikers threw a hand grenade and the police opened fire. Five policemen were reported to have been injured. Another five were disarmed, two of them at pistol point.

The strikers, protesting against the shooting down of a Parmen worker by the police during yesterday's nationwide general strike, set up barricades in the narrow, cobbled streets. They fired pistols and hunting rifles and threw hand grenades at police who attempted to disperse them.

Police reinforcements in armoured cars were rushed in from Foggia. They broke up the barricades, dispersed the strikers, arrested a number of them, then occupied the local Communist Party and Trade Union Headquarters. Police officials said that the area tonight is tense but calm. They said the incident had been provoked by local Communists.

Scattered riots were also reported this evening from a number of other places in the Foggia region.

Mayor rescued

At Castellana, about 3,000 men rushed the Town Hall and held the Mayor a prisoner in his study for about an hour. He was rescued by a police baton charge.

A daylong general strike in the Northern city of Parma, a protest against yesterday's shooting there, apparently passed off quietly. Public transport was halted and almost all shops, offices and factories were closed.

About 60 demonstrators and 20 policemen were injured in clashes throughout the country yesterday.

Throughout the night demonstrators continued to limp back into Rome from the outlying suburbs, where they had been dumped by police lorries after being picked up in the centre of the town.

In all, the police authorities detained about 2,000 people, most of them for a few hours only.—Reuters.

Political manoeuvres in Trieste

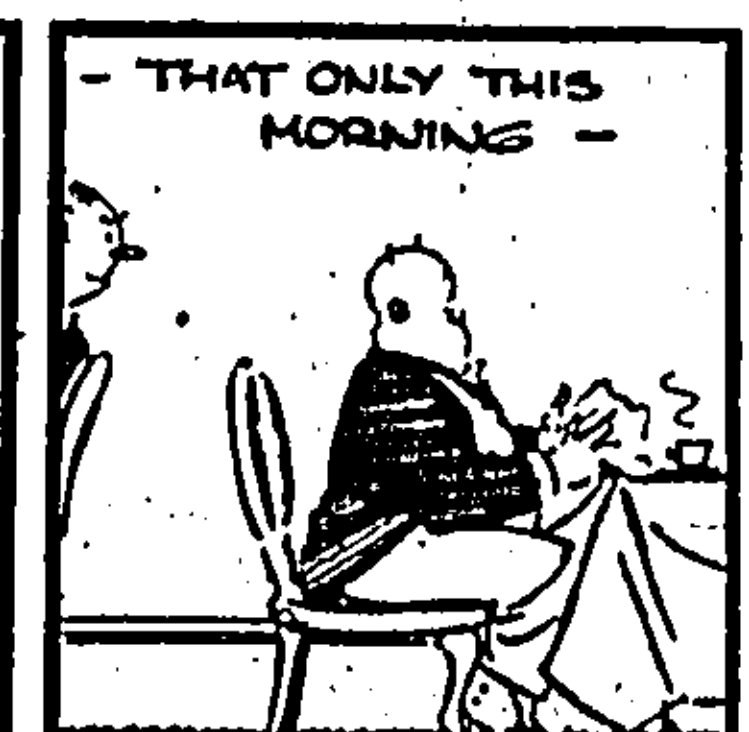
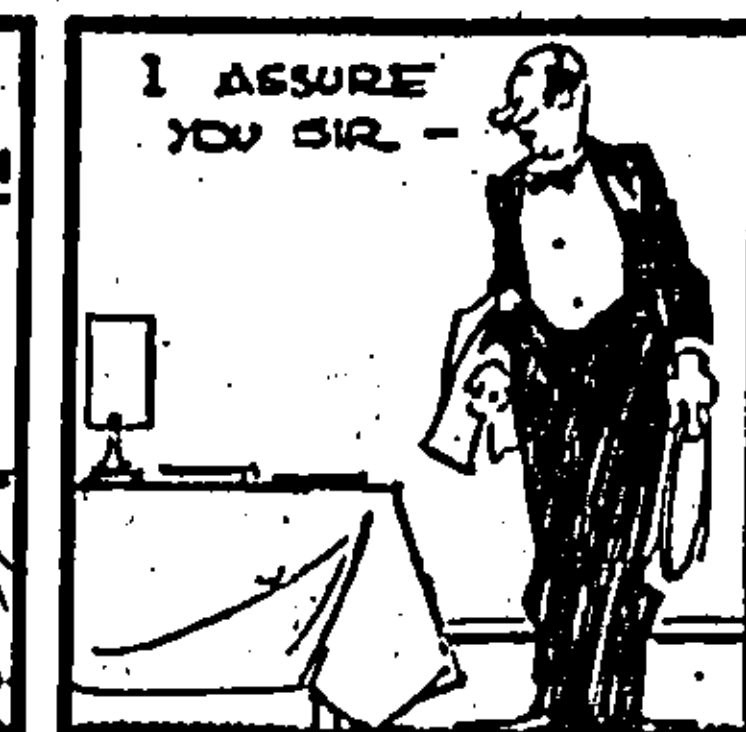
Trieste, March 23.
Italian political leaders here are reported to be trying to organise an abstention campaign in next month's administrative elections in the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste to counteract any possible Yugoslav move to use the vote as a referendum for the annexation of the Zone.

Voting takes place on April 16. The Yugoslavs announced yesterday that only those parties now operating in the Zone will be allowed to present lists.

This means that all non-Tito groups are excluded, leaving the field open to the Italian and Yugoslav Tito parties.

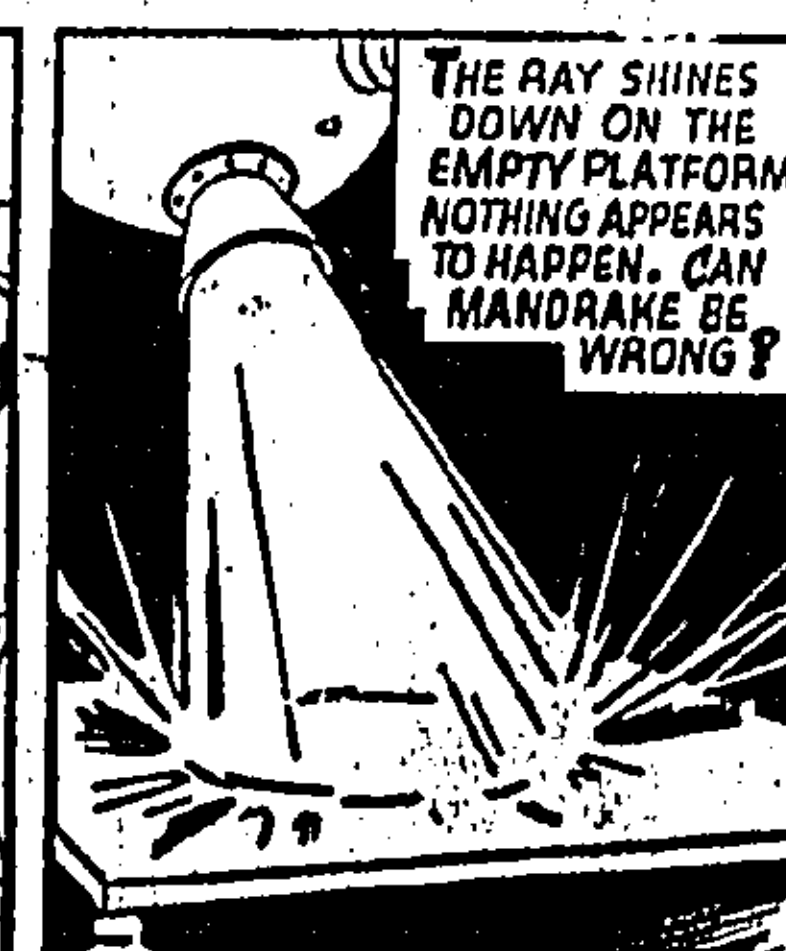
Fear that Marshal Tito might attempt such an annexation in the future was reflected in the Anglo-American Zone. General Airey, the Zone Commander, wrote: "The restitution of the Free Territory to Italy in the shortest time possible is the sole method of solving the Trieste problem in a just and satisfactory manner."—Reuters.

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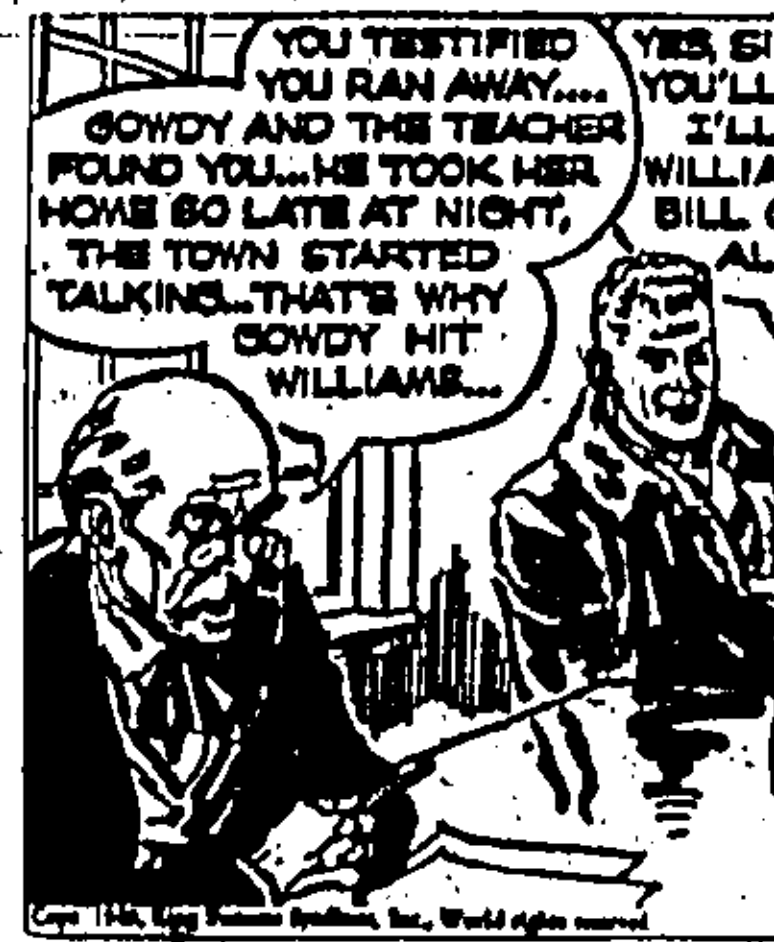
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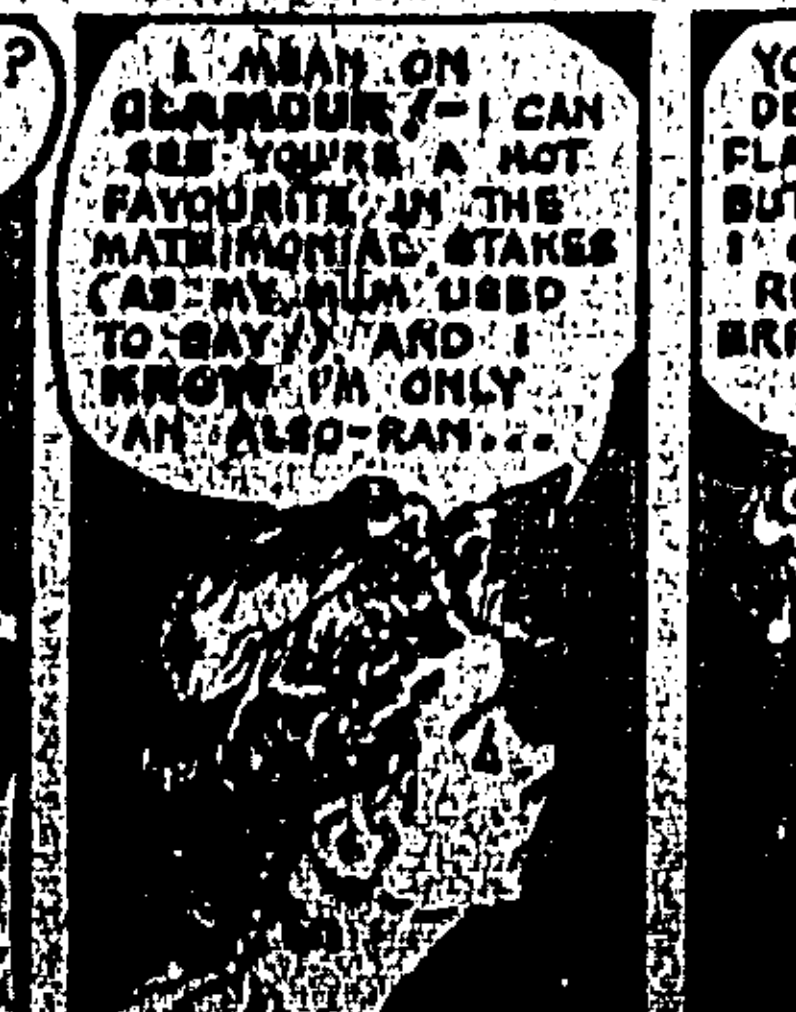


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As a result of wanton destruction on the part of the Japanese during the war, the Sandakan Light and Power Company, Limited, have had to spend HK\$904,000 up to the end of June, 1949 on rehabilitation work.

This was disclosed at yesterday's annual general meeting of shareholders in the company. Major S. M. Churn, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said that at the end of the year under review there was still an adverse balance of HK\$72,720.21 to be carried forward to the new account.

Major Churn said: "In 1945 I was left with a fixed assets value of the rubble of the station, covered with burnt out station, from which a small amount of salvageable plant was finally recovered. The station has had to be rebuilt. From early 1946 rehabilitation has proceeded slowly but steadily, and at June 30, 1949, a total of \$904,000 had been expended on this task.

"The end of this long and difficult reconstruction period is now in sight. The present monthly demand has not yet reached the 1941 figure of 82,000 units but there is a steady upward trend. The figures for February 1950 were more than 49,000 units as against 22,200 in June 1949.

"The loss for the year was \$71,701.05 and, after taking into account depreciation and interest charges etc., the total loss amounted to \$121,400.45. Every effort is being made to cut generation costs to a minimum and the administration has been concentrated in Sandakan in the capable hands of the North Borneo Trading Co., Ltd.

"The subsequent saving in Administration expenses as the result of this move should also bear fruit in forthcoming years.

Surplus balance

"The surplus balance at credit of rehabilitation reserve has been transferred to profit and loss appreciation account. Certain adjustments applicable to previous years have also been made in this account and, after applying the loss for the year, there is an adverse balance of \$72,720.21 to be carried forward to the new account. "The year under review has been one of progress, despite the adverse result of the year's working, and as the general development of Sandakan progresses and regains at least, if not increases, its former prosperity so also will your Company prosper."

The Chairman then proposed that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted. Seconding the motion, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher said that when the task that confronted the management in 1945 of rebuilding the power station from the jungle was considered, he felt sure shareholders would agree that an excellent job had been done, and that the Company had fully shouldered its responsibility to give Sandakan a first-class electrical service.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously. In addition, Major Churn, others present at the meeting were Messrs. D. H. Blake, Li Tze-fong, R. A. Wickerson (Directors), N. V. A. Croucher, representing Commonwealth Investments, Limited, and A. D. Loomph, representing China President Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited. The shareholders present represented a total of 32,901 shares.

Messrs. Blake and D. H. Wickerson were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Mr. Li Tze-fong's appointment as a Director was confirmed.

Rediffusion

8.00—Up With The Sun.	10.00—Musical Clock.
8.15—Setting Up Exercises.	10.15—Ed. A. Keller Show.
8.30—Musical Clock.	10.30—News and Weather Forecast.
8.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.	10.45—Eaton Concert Players.
9.00—News and Weather Forecast.	11.00—Morning Music.
9.15—Eaton Concert Players.	11.15—Parade of Rhythms.
9.30—Morning Music.	11.30—Parade of Rhythms.
9.45—Concert & Keyboard.	11.45—Parade of Rhythms.
10.00—Musical For All.	12.00—Financial and World News.
10.15—Morning Music.	12.15—Strike Up The Band.
10.30—Parade of Rhythms.	12.30—Dance Music.
10.45—Parade of Rhythms.	12.45—Dance Music.
11.00—Financial and World News.	12.55—The Week's Composer.
11.15—Strike Up The Band.	1.00—Variety Calls The Tune.
11.30—Dance Music.	1.15—The Novelties Trio.
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The Labour Government, which has a majority of only five votes, today refused to allow Parliament to debate the Seretse Khama affair.

It also fixed Budget Day—April 18—as the next crucial test of its precariously maintained authority.

Observers were surprised by the ease of its victory on the question of the exile of the native African chief who married a white woman.

The Government White Paper, published yesterday, giving reasons for withholding recognition of Seretse's chieftainship of the Bamangwato tribe, left Liberals still burning for a debate in which to force a censure motion.

But the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House of Commons, was not prepared to concede the right of the Liberal to force a debate to dilute a debate and a confidence vote.

The Government's respite from crucial divisions and confidence issues is likely to be short. If the Budget, as predicted, contains a fresh austerity bill, the Conservatives, who have been in the Cripps manner, there will be fierce Conservative challenges and trouble among its own supporters.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, knows that a large section of the Government's 5,000,000 trade union followers is hostile to the official wage freeze policy and wants to see living costs lowered.

Interesting test

The Conservatives—who had promised, if returned to power, to introduce immediate income tax and other reforms—will also attack a hard budget.

The political side of Labour, deeply anxious about the still soaring costs of living, will regard unremitting austerity in the Budget as an evil portent for their Party if there is an early Election.

Tuesday's foreign affairs debate, announced today, will be an interesting if less anxious test of the working of the new Parliament in showing how far Labour and Conservatives still believe in bipartisan foreign policy.

Meanwhile, Seretse Khama left London tonight on the first leg of his return trip to Africa and his reunion with his white Queen.

Man sentenced for possession of arms

A Jury of six men and one woman at the Criminal Sessions yesterday unanimously found a former Canton gendarmier captain guilty of possession of arms and ammunition. He was given four years.

Lau Kun-shung, aged 24, who was defended by Mr. S. V. Gittins, was one of those who entered the Colony after the Communists occupied Canton some months ago.

The prisoner was arrested on January 5 in the course of police investigations in connection with an armed robbery some days previous. According to the prosecution, however, there was suggestion that the man was connected in any way with the robbery itself.

The case was heard before Mr. E. H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. L. Lam, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector Leslie. Mr. Gittins for the defence was instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam.

Lau was arrested while sleeping in a house at the Li Uk Village, Shumshuipo. Some time after he was taken to the police to a friendly innkeeper's house in Nga Tsin Wan Village, Kowloon City, where he showed the police a rattan basket containing two serviceable revolvers with 10 rounds.

The friend, into whose house the accused usually has free access, was not aware of the basket and its contents in the house until the arrival of the police with the accused.

Defence claim

The prosecution contended that the accused had brought and kept the basket in the house without the knowledge of his landlady.

Lau said in defence that one of his reasons why he had come to Hong Kong was to get a remittance from his father, who was a business man in Canton.

Lau alleged that when he was taken to the station, he met there one Cheung Kau-ling, whom he had known in Canton as a police officer, and who was now a gangster. Cheung told him about a racket in the house where he was staying, and Lau said he had no idea of the basket containing the revolvers.

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12.32—Lover Moreton and Dave Kaye on Two Phones.

12.45—Popular Variety.

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"Nothing But Music"—The Queen's Hall Light Orchestra conducted by Sidney Torch (ORSS).

2.00—Famous Choice—Presented by George Goble (Studio).

2.30—"American Patrol"—A Programme of Record Characters introduced by Lionel Box (Studio).

2.50—World News (London Relay).

3.10—Hospital Requests—Presented by Linda Cater (Studio).

4.10—"A La Carte"—A Light Variety Programme (Studio).

4.30—"Have A Go"—A Quiz Programme—Introduced by Wilfred Pickles, The Blind Workshops, Sheffield (BUCTS).

5.00—"The Riddle of the Sands"—By Erskine Childers. Final Episode: "The Luck of the Stowaway" (London Relay).

5.30—"Mack Binding in the March"—With Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne (BUCTS).

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"Unit Request"—Linda Cater Calling—119 L. A. J.B.L. Dairy (Studio).

7.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15—"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio).

7.30—"Variety Bandbox"—From the Kiburn Empire, London (BUCTS).

8.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10—Sports Results (Studio).

8.15—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra (BUCTS).

8.45—"The Canterbury Tales"—No. 4—Chaucer's Poems Adapted for Broadcasting by Nevill Coghill—"The Man of Law's Preamble and Tale" (BUCTS).

9.35—Columbia Light Opera Company.

10.00—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

10.15—Weather Report.

10.16—"Cabaret" and Dance Music.

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded).

11.16—"God Save the King."

11.30—Close Down.

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"STRAAT MALAKKA"	13th May	1st June
"TEGELBERG"		

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"BOISSEVAIN"	9th Apr.	25th Mar.
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N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, March 23. The stock market weathered heavy selling today.

The day started out with a burst of fractional gain but closed with losses outnumbering gains. Most changes were a point or less.

A total of 2,020,000 shares were sold. Trading broadened to 1,149 issues. Of these 468 declined, 380 advanced.

The initial buying wave carried more than 100 stocks to new highs for the year. Many issues were highly erratic during the day as the market yielded to opposing pressures—buying by investment interests and profit-taking by traders on the rise that has been under way since mid-June.

Most active issue was Warner Pictures, up 1/4 at 14-1/2. Heavily traded Popicola was down 1/4 at 11.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 75.35; 30 Industrials 200.62; 15 Rails 55.58; 10 Utilities 45.50.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 22 1/2
Alaska Juneau 2 1/2
American Can 110 1/4
" Smelling 52 1/2
" Telephone 155 1/4
" Tobacco 72 1/2
" Waterworks 12

Anaconda Copper 28 1/4

Aviation Corp. 6 1/4

Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/4

Barnes 51 1/4

Bendix Aviation 42 1/4

Bethlehem Steel 34 1/4

Boeing Aircraft 27 1/4

Borden Co. 51

Canadian Pacific 15

J. I. Case 44 1/4

Chrysler 67 1/4

Colgate 40 1/4

Commercial Solvents 16 1/4

Corn Products 71

Du Pont 67 1/4

Eastman Kodak 46 1/4

General Electric 46 1/4

" Motors 77 1/4

Goodrich 84 1/4

Goodyear 51 1/4

Homestead Mining 47 1/4

International Harvester 27

Paper 39 1/4

Tel. & Tel. 12 1/4

Johns Manville 48 1/4

Kennecott Copper 50 1/4

Montgomery Ward 57

National Distillers 23

Lead 39

New York Central 13 1/4

Packard Motors 3 1/4

Pan American Airways 10

Pennsylvania RR 17 1/4

Radio Corp. 15 1/4

Remington-Rand 14 1/4

Republic Steel 26 1/4

Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/4

Schenley 30 1/4

Sears Roebuck 44 1/4

Shell Oil 39 1/4

Socorby Vacuum 17 1/4

Southern Pacific 53

Standard Brands 23 1/4

" Oil of Calif. 66

" Oil of N. J. 60 1/4

Studebaker 30 1/4

Union Bag 29 1/4

US Rubber 43

" Steel 32 1/4

" Lines 16 1/4

Westinghouse 34 1/4

Youngstown Sheet & Tube 83 1/4

Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/4

Buying power expanded in the bond market, pushing prices higher in a broad selection. On the curb Consolidated Mining was lower. Gainers included Fairchild Camera, Technicolor, Brown Rubber, Raytheon. — Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, March 23

Crude rubber closed five higher to five lower. Sales 15 contracts.

March 20.15

May 19.55 asked.

July 18.50

September 18.50

Smoked sheets 20 nominal.

Associated Press.

Manchester, March 23.

Sir Raymond Street, Chairman of the British Cotton Board, is flying to the United States next week to clarify arrangements for the promised joint British-American fact-finding mission to Japan.

British textile interests have charged that the United States has raised an "Iron Curtain" in Japan and that the proposed joint mission was delayed from the initial date of January to April.

Air Vice-Marshal C.A. Boucher, representative of Japan of the Federation of British Industries, who returned to England last week, will accompany Sir Raymond.

In Washington, a U.S. cotton textile industry spokesman said that an Anglo-American mission to Japan expects to leave in April according to schedule.

Mr. Raymond Street, Washington representative of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, said the Association will appoint the American members on March 30 at its convention in Palo Beach, Florida.

When Sir Raymond Street was here last November, he was agreed that April would be a good time for the mission to leave.

The Army and State Departments indicated that they and General Douglas MacArthur have opened the way for the mission members to visit Japan as individuals.

Details for the trip are likely to be completed soon after Mr. Robert West, an assistant to the Under-Secretary of the Army in charge of occupied areas, returns from Japan next week.

SCAP attitude

A representative of the U.S. industry told a reporter that the cotton men want to make exploratory surveys of the industry in Japan. They also want to talk buying and selling problems of the world market.

The Army has made clear that it will not be in favour of any effort of the industry in the U.S. and Britain to make agreements with the Japanese limiting the latter's foreign textile markets.

American textile men have denied they have any such objection in going to Japan.

The Army feels the industry in Japan is an important factor in that nation's efforts for economic recovery and that it should be allowed to expand.

U.S. protests

American manufacturers are protesting against the importation of a small number of Japanese manufactured men's shirts.

About 12,000 men's shirts made in Japan have been sold recently in the United States at from \$6.00 to \$6.50 a dozen to retail at 88 cents and 98 cents each.

The shirts are described in trade circles as part of a large textile shipment of distress merchandise sent to the U.S. in disposing of stocks made in Japan under American military government direction to provide work for the Japanese immediately after the war.

Mr. M. J. Lovell, counsel of the National Association of Shirt, Pyjama and Sportswear Manufacturers, said the Association has been in touch with Government agencies and is considering further protests.

The importation is not an immediate threat to American manufacturers because of the poor quality of the shirts and the small amount.

Similar shipments of Japanese textile are expected to arrive here in the next two or three months but the low prices will not be repeated when the distress stocks have been sold. Most of the textiles are expected to be re-exported to Europe, South America and Africa—Reuters and Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 23.

The Stock Exchange was quiet. The firm. Oils were in good demand and generally higher. U.S. dollar stocks were well supported.

Financial Times Index 104.8, off 0.3—Associated Press.

H.K. Stock Exchange

The monotony of the past week has not even been broken by the declaration of a single dividend. The week's business has been poor and calls for no comments.

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Bank of East Asia 10 1/2

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(Def.) 10 1/2

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Aria Mar. 28 1/2

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H.K. & S. Wharves Ex-Dir. 22 1/2

North Point Wharves 5 1/2

Shanghai Hopewell Wharves 10 1/2

H.K. Docks 11 1/2

China Provident 12 1/2

Shanghai Dockyards 4 1/2

Wheelocks 2 1/2

MINING

Raub Mines 5 1/2

H.K. Mines 5 1/2

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H. & S. Hotels 9 1/2

H.K. Lands 4 1/2

Shanghai Lands 1 1/2

Humphreys 10 1/2

H.K. Realities 2 1/2

Chinese Estates 18 1/2

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways Ex-Dir. 18 1/2

Peak Tram (Old) 18 1/2

(New) 18 1/2

Star Ferry 18 1/2

C. Lights (Old) 11 1/2

(New) 11 1/2

J.N. Electric 28 1/2, 27 1/2, 26 1/2

Macao Electric 20 1/2

Sandakan Lights 5 1/2

Telephone 14 1/2

Shanghai Gas 1 1/2

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Canton Ice 5 1/2

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H.K. Ropes Ex-Dir. 14 1/2

STOKES, ETC.

Dairy Farms 40 1/2

Watsons Ex-Dir. 48 1/2

L. Crawford 21 1/2

China Export 24 1/2

Sun Co. Ltd. 24 1/2

Kwong Sang Hong 22 1/2

Wing On (H.K.) 6 1/2

Yin Fowell 14 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS

China Enterprises Ex-Dir. 18 1/2

Consolidated (Old) 24 1/2

(New) 12 1/2

Vibro Piling 12 1/2

Marsman Investments 7 1/2

Marsman (H.K.) 7 1/2

Shanghai Loan 1 1/2

Yongtass 2 1/2

COTTONS

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RUBBERS, etc. COMPANIES

Alma Estates 18 1/2

Anglo-Dutch 20 1/2

Anglo-Java 10 1/2

Batu Anson 18 1/2

Rute Plantations 4 1/2

Chemor United 40 1/2

Cheng Rubbers 18 1/2

Consolidated Rubber 25 1/2

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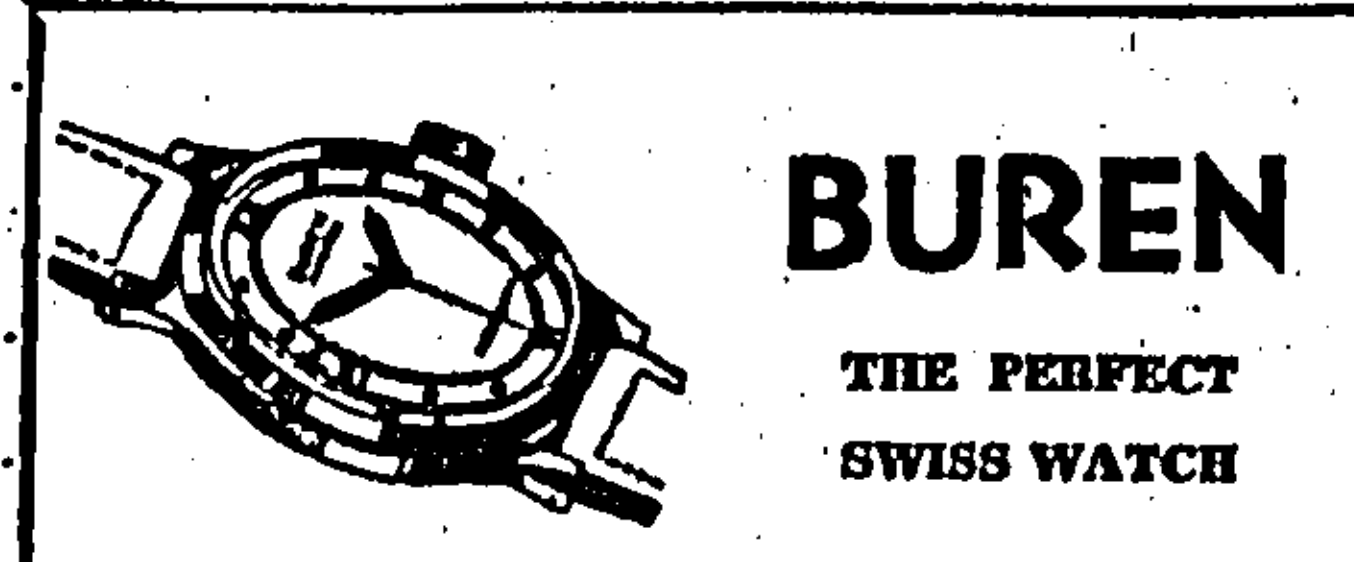
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Epaph Rubbers 20 1/2

Rubber Trusts 18 1/2

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Fourth Race Meeting:

SKYMASTER TIPPED TO WIN NEWBURY HANDICAP

(By "RAPIER")

The Fourth Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to be held this afternoon, will again consist of 10 events, the main attraction being the Newbury Handicap for Class 1A Australian Ponies.

This is the fifth race on the programme and it will be contested over the two mile post.

This race will be robbed of a good deal of its interest due to the fact that Bashful Beauty, the Champion pony, has not been entered. It will, therefore, be left to Skymaster and to Egyptian Field to battle out the finish.

Conditions for racing should be favourable, and with the track on the hard side there is every reason to anticipate that the various events will be keenly contested.

Race No. 1—Alexander Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The curtain rises with this event for Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 7, with Novice jockeys as pilots, and a most interesting race should ensue.

Flying Wheel (Mr. Maycock), by virtue of its second placing in the Windy Gap Handicap (Third Section), over the mile at the last meeting, will no doubt be in big demand.

I, however, prefer Flight (Mr. Lun King-tak), which was officially fourth in the above race First Section over the same distance.

On that performance, Flight should win, but Iron Mask (Mr. Tseng) is also dangerous, although it ran unplaced the last time out.

Mr. Thomas, who requires another win to graduate from the Novice class, will take out Unicorn and it has been whispered that this pony stands a good chance of scoring a win here.

Argus II will again be taken out by Mr. Dau, but I don't think it will be dangerous although it came fourth at the last meeting on a soft track.

For those who are looking for an outsider, I would recommend bearing Shangri-la (Mr. Auchale), in mind.

Race No. 2—Sandown Park Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round and In.

This race will be contested by First Section Class 6, Australian Ponies of previous seasons.

Jorjacks (Mr. Tao), ran extremely well at the last meeting to win the Windy Gap Handicap (Second Section) over the mile, but it will be running with ponies of higher standard, don't think we need to worry about its chances of repeating a win here.

I fancy the chance of Top Hat (Mr. Ostroff), although it was unplaced the last time out with Mr. Auchale up.

A strong challenge will come from flouter (Mr. Mau), which was second in the Magazine Gap Handicap (Second Section), over six furlongs at the last meeting.

Swing Leung (Mr. Shieh), with the light weight of 141 lbs, should not be disregarded, as the pony is good enough to last out this distance and win.

A Grand Titmouse (Mr. Mok), will probably find the distance against it, but Sappientia (Mr. C. F. Ng), may be worth following for a place.

Race No. 3—Curragh Handicap (First Section): One and a Quarter Miles.

In this race for Class 1B Australian Ponies of previous seasons, Seafire (Mr. Alexander), which won the Customs Pass Handicap (about 1 1/2 mile 170 yards) at the last meeting, has been penalized 9 lbs and for that reason alone I think its chances of winning again are rather remote.

Among the entries, and judging by past results, look to Big Shot (Mr. S. W. Lee) to win, but he will be seriously challenged by Daisy Bell (Mr. Needa), which has been demoted from Class 1A.

Bootsie (Mr. Maitland), is another pony to watch, but it may disappoint again, whilst Golden Dragon (Mr. Shieh), is not bad over this distance.

Race No. 4—Alexander Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to Second Section Class 7 Australian Ponies of previous seasons, and, judging from past performances, Seafire, which will again be taken out by Mr. Higate, will probably do better over this distance and a win here is quite possible.

Real opposition should come from Strathnamara (Mr. Noodi). After its disappointing run at the last meeting Big Bluff (Mr. Kwok), may not be well supported, but it should not be neglected as this pony runs quite well at morning gallops.

Mercury (Mr. E. F. Chiu), may prove dangerous, although it failed to gain a place the last time out. I believe it is about due for a win.

Sens About (Mr. Thomas), has shown some of its old form

since its last outing, and for those who prefer to take a chance, I recommend keeping an eye on it.

Race No. 5—Newbury Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round and In.

This is the main event of the afternoon and is confined to Class 1A Australian Ponies of previous seasons.

The race should revolve into a great battle between Skymaster (Mr. Tao), Egyptian Field (Mr. Maitland), Golden Dahlia (Mr. Higate), Arabian Dagger (Mr. Shieh) and Ben Wyvis (Mr. Elsie).

In the absence of Bashful Beauty, which has not entered, there are many who feel fully confident that Skymaster, in spite of carrying top weight of 150 lbs will win.

In my opinion, it will have to be in exceptionally good condition to stave off the challenge from the other ponies I have named.

Skymaster has to concede 9 lbs to Egyptian Field, 12 lbs to Golden Dahlia, 21 lbs to Arabian Dagger and 24 lbs to Ben Wyvis.

At the Annual Meeting, Skymaster won the Eastern Handicap carrying 150 lbs in 1:44-2/5 and then came second in the Champion Stakes to Bashful Beauty.

Egyptian Field was third in the Champion Stakes with Mr. Needa up; Golden Dahlia was second in the Tally Ho Handicap at the Annual Meeting ridden by Mr. Alexander; Arabian Dagger was unplaced during the carnival but has been showing good form at morning gallops lately, whilst Ben Wyvis came second to Skymaster in the Eastern Handicap.

Judging from such performances, these five ponies should dominate the race this afternoon.

I nominate Skymaster to win, with Egyptian Field second and Golden Dahlia third.

Race No. 6—Haydock Park Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This is the First Section of the race for Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 6, and amongst the entries I like Highlight (Mr. Maitland), the best.

This pony is very fit at the moment and did the mile in training on Saturday, March 18, in the fine time of 1:52.3 with a last quarter of 28.2 seconds.

Rose Enme (Mr. Ostroff), to be reckoned with, however, as it is quite capable of winning.

Lucky Starter (Mr. K. F. Chiu), is good over this distance and will probably extend the above two ponies.

J Day (Mr. Chan) is another candidate, quite at home over this distance and it will surprise me if it causes an upset here.

I nominate Highlight to win with Rose Enme second and Lucky Starter third, V-J Day as the outsider.

Race No. 7—Sandown Park Handicap (Second Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round and In.

The second lot of Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 6 will form the opposition in this event and from the entries, it appears that the winner will come from one of the following—Fillbuster (Mr. Fong), Madame Butterfly (Mr. Tseng), Robyn (Mr. Maitland), and Sino Marshall (Mr. Shieh).

Fillbuster came in third in the Magazine Gap Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the last meeting and, whilst I consider that it has a good chance of winning here, I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Madame Butterfly, which was officially fourth in the Third Section of the above race with Mr. K. F. Chiu up.

Robyn has not had a win for a long time, but it may spring a surprise here when least expected, while Sino Marshall, which has been specially reserved for this race, should be in at the finish.

As an outsider Jump Bid (Mr. Ostroff) is worth following.

Race No. 8—Alexander Park Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

In this race for the third lot of Class 7 Australian Ponies of previous seasons, I expect to see a close finish, in which the following should figure prominently—Madame Butterfly (Mr. Tseng), Robyn (Mr. Maitland), Abdul Hamid (Mr. Ostroff), and Jackal (Mr. Shu).

"Rapier's" Selections for today

Race No. 1—Alexander Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

FLIGHT UNICORN IRON MASK

Race No. 2—Sandown Park Handicap (First Section): From 2 Mile Post.

TOP HAT REUTER SAPIENTIA

Race No. 3—Curragh Handicap (First Section): One and a Quarter Miles.

BIG SHOT DAISY BELL SEAFIRE

Race No. 4—Alexander Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

PEACOCK STRATHNAMARA BIG BLUFF

Race No. 5—Newbury Handicap (First Section): From 2 Mile Post.

SKYMASTER EGYPTIAN FIELD ARABIAN DAGGER

Race No. 6—Haydock Park Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

HIGHLIGHT ROSE ENME LUCKY STARTER

Race No. 7—Sandown Park Handicap (Second Section): From 2 Mile Post.

MADAME BUTTERFLY SINO MARSHALL ROBLYN

Race No. 8—Alexander Park Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

RIFLE CARE FREE KINGFISHER

Race No. 9—Haydock Park Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

CHIEF PILOT BELLE FONTAINE PAYDAY

Race No. 10—Sandown Park Handicap (Third Section): From 2 Mile Post.

HONEY DEW THE HOPEFUL SUNKISS

Outsider: Tunny.

great form at the moment, it is just possible that it may yet score another win.

On the other hand, however, Caro Free, which was third in this same race, may do better as the distance is only six furlongs and, if it does not avenge its last defeat, it will at least give Rifle a great fight.

Kingfisher has to carry 155 lbs and in view of its last performance, coupled with the shorter distance, it should also have a say here.

Abdul Hamid has come down in weight and as the pony is looking quite fit, it can be relied on to give the others a good fight. Jackal, on account of its light weight of 135 lbs, is the most dangerous contender.

Rare treat for rugger enthusiasts

(By "J. T. STUD")

Following unexpectedly on the heels of the "sevens" tournament, which normally heralds the end of the local rugger season, the challenge match between the Club and Army at Happy Valley on Sunday promises to be a rare treat for enthusiasts of the carrying code.

The proceeds of this match, the primary reason for which it was arranged, are to be devoted towards the Club's Rugby Section Interport Fund.

The game therefore deserves the support of all interested in the advancement of local rugger.

The Army powers that be have taken the match seriously and following Thursday evening's full scale trial, have selected an extremely strong fifteen.

Several changes were forced on the Service selectors, but with new talent available I do not consider the side in any way inferior to that which has done duty throughout the season, in fact, on paper it appears to be stronger.

A definite find

Tomline, who makes his debut at full-back, caught the eye during the "Sevens" tournament with his smash tackling and determined running and is a definite find.

Borwick, another newcomer, is likely to prove a thorn in the Club's side.

Innes makes a welcome return to the fly-half berth after a long enforced lay-off. He and Goldschmidt prove superior to their opposite numbers.

Claydon for whom the "Sevens" were a personal triumph completes the spearhead of the soldiers' attack and unless the Club centres can get up quickly, the advantage outside the scrum seems to lie with the Army men.

The pack, with the exception of Major Fred Rapsey, who has

departed for Home, shows no change and is likely to prove livelier in the loose than the heavier civilian eight.

No startling changes

The Club fifteen records no startling changes, although I feel the loss of R. de Rome and I. Carrel will count heavily against the civilians.

A. Stewart has made several appearances in the senior fifteen and on his game is a powerful runner and deadly tackler, but does not possess de Rome's ability to crash the line.

I. Carrel's steady influence and sure touch finding will be sorely missed.

The scrum, however, plus the advantage of Meffan's hooking, have proved superior to every pack in the Colony and if they reproduce season's form, the match promises to be an exciting affair well worth a trip to Happy Valley.

Teams

Teams for the match are as follows:—

Army: Tomline, Gregson, Borwick, Claydon, Gower, Innes, Goldschmidt, Fairlie, Bucknall, Jennings, Alexander, Macdonald, Richardson, Braden, and Evans.

Club: Stewart, D. M. Henderson, Mackie, Nolan, Lachlan, Luscombe, Meffan, Forsgate, Milne, Winyard, Warr, Farquharson and Hutson.

Softball:

Gibbs--Civil Service game to be replayed

(By "GRANDSTAND")

During the next week or so, a specially delegated Committee of Fifteen will rack their brains nominating the Most Valuable Player among Softball's galaxy of stars.

As in former years, this coveted honour will be awarded on a points system, each member of the Committee submitting three separate nominations which will be given five, three and one points in order of merit.

The Committee has been selected from fans who have seen almost every game possible during the current season, and whose judgment can be relied upon.

Nominations close on April 4, and Committee members are as follows: Doc Molten, Blm Abington, Sid Holland, Hussain Moosdeen, Hal Wingle, Ron Segura, Bob Henderson, Roberto Nunes, Eddie Loureiro, Jack Shepherd, Charlie Figueroa, R. Rosario, Lorna, Aileen Chinen and Wanda Rodriguez.

The Braves who bowed to the Saints in their only meeting of the opening game of the league, are all set to avenge the former defeat.

Since that time the Saints have breezed through the fixtures winding up at the top, while the Braves had to battle through a further series for the play-off berth.

By mutual agreement the Americans and Jaguars will meet this afternoon at the CBA Ground at 3.45 p.m.

The Americans who just qualified for the play-offs last week will meet a determined Jaguar outfit, who toppled the Saints but fell before the Braves in their two play-off games.

Last chance

In the Ladies' Junior League, the White Fangs will be given a last chance for the pennant, as a setback from St. Teresa's will end all hopes of carrying away the bunting.

Even then, the Fangs must win this one and better St. Teresa's in a play-off, which is a pretty tall order considering the Terras have seasoned players guarding every infield position.

Since the Fangs stand against the White Fangs stand an even chance of topping St. Teresa's.

The Men's Junior League leadership which is at present shared between the Blackhaws and Reds, may wind up with a triple tie should the Raiders beat the unpredictable Aces.

In case of a triple tie, the play-off will be decided on a knock-out system, with one team drawn by a bye.

Ip and Tsai beat Tsuis in exciting tennis final

In a raging battle of two hours at the Cricket Club tennis court yesterday, Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai successfully wrested the Colony Doubles Grasscourt title from the Tsui brothers by 9-11, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 and 6-3.

The brothers Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui had been holders of the title for the last three successive years and on seven occasions before the war.

Yesterday's game, replete with all the features of a Championship final, in which both victors and vanquished exhibited some brilliant tennis at one time or another, was a fitting conclusion to a successful Championship season.

The Tsuis went down gallantly, fighting to the end and conceding defeat to the better side.

Strange enough, it was one of the losers who stood out conspicuously among the four players, and that was Tsui Wai-pui, who time and again earned rounds of applause with almost impossible retrieving shots, beautiful backhand short volleys and well-anticipated smashes and volleys.

On the other side, Edwin Tsai after a rather shaky start played the major part in his side's victory. His special forehand short cross, though not as effective as usual against Tsui Wai-pui, gave his side valuable points, and as did overhead smashes and short cross drive volleys.

Long set

The first set alone took forty minutes. Ip opened the service and was taken to 30-all. Yun-pui then netted Ip's next service. A long rally followed. Tsai giving the finishing touch with a forehand volley through the middle. Wai-pui served to a 40-15 lead but a wide forehand sideline drive by him and a forehand cross drive to his service by Tsai brought the score to deuce.

Yun-pui volleyed long and Ip completed the second game with an overhead smash. Tsai started his first service game with a double fault and conceded a love game. Ip and Tsai then took the score from 2-1 to 4-1, but the Tsuis came back with the next two games both of which went to a total of six deuces. Yun-pui held his service for a 50-15 game to bring the score to 4-4 amidst well-merited applause. Each of the four players successfully held his service until 9-all when the Tsuis broke through Tsai's service with a love game. Tsai's following service gave him a love game and the first set at 11-9.

Ip again opened the service in the second set and with Ip and Tsai now playing their usual aggressive game, the score mounted to 5-0 in their favour before Wai-pui took his side's only set after deuce was called. The end to the second set came in the 20th minute on Tsai's service.

The third set began with alternating serves and all-terrain games until 4-4. None of the games reached deuce. Wai-pui pulled his service game out after three deuces, to lead 3-4. The next service was Ip's. With the score at 30-all, Wai-pui brought it nearer to set with a beautiful forehand short cross. Tsai volleyed out the next service return to give the Tsuis the third set 6-4.

The Ip-Tsai combination, after Wai-pui had lost his opening service, immediately went to a 3-0 lead. The Tsuis took the next two games. Ip made it 4-2 with his service. The Tsuis took the seventh, lost the eighth and ninth, to concede the fourth set by 3-6.

Ip began serving in the fifth set and led his side to a 3-0 lead. The fourth game went to the Tsuis but Ip and Tsai got the fifth and sixth games to give them a commanding lead of 6-1. Within match point, Tsai lost his service and Yun-pui brought home his service game to reduce the deficit to 3-3. Ip, however, made no mistake with the next game serving to a 40-15 game and set.

President's speech

In a short speech after the conclusion of the final, Mr. Owen Hughes, President of the Tennis Association congratulated the winners and runners-up of the tournament and thanked those who were responsible for the successful tournament.

Special mention was made of Mr. Goldman, who is leaving for home next week, for the fine work done by him.

Members were also made of Ip's probable trip to England to compete at Wimbledon. "If he does so," said Mr. Owen Hughes, "he is bound to return a better player himself and Tennis in the Colony must benefit thereby."

Prizes were then distributed to the winners and runners-up by Miss Pauline Owen Hughes, daughter of the Tennis Association's President.

Fleet Boxing Championships

HMS Triumph won both the Open and Novices Fleet Boxing championships held at the China Fleet Club last night.

In the Open championships, Triumph scored 20 points with HMS Jamaica and 40 Commando tied with 14 points each.

In the Novices class, Triumph was first with 27 points, followed by HMS Destroyer Flotilla with 23 points and HMS Jamaica with 20 points.

Prizes were presented to the winners and runners-up by Rear Admiral W.G. Andrews, CB, CBE, DSO.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bantamweight Bestall (Triumph) beat A.B. Priest (Jamaica).

Featherweight Warner (Jamaica) beat Dunkley (42 Cdo.).

Lightweight Boy Sidwell (Kenya) beat A.B. Stewart (Jamaica).

Welterweight Gore (Triumph) K.O. Brown (40 Cdo.).

Heavyweight N.A. Le-Huay (Triumph) received a walk-over from Blyth (42 Cdo.).

Lightweight McKilgus (Cockade) beat El-lington (40 Cdo.).

Light Heavyweight Cronk (40 Cdo.) K.O. Bell (Kenya).

NOVICES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Flyweight Boy Netherdon (Triumph) beat Boy Brown (Jamaica).

Bantamweight Doyle (Comus) beat Boy Parker (Jamaica).

Featherweight A.B. Cliff (Triumph) beat Boy Totien (Kenya).

Lightweight A.B. Moore (Tamar) beat Birch (Triumph).

Welterweight McKennell (42 Cdo.) beat A.B. Rees (Cockade).

Edgerton (45 Cdo.) beat Bell (Jamaica).

Light Heavyweight Smith (45 Cdo.) K.O. A.B. Cochrane (Kenya).

Heavyweight Smith (45 Cdo.) received a walkover from Boy Roberts (Constance).

INTERPORT BOXING TOURNAMENT

A six round bout between Johnny Lai (148 lbs.), the Hong Kong Chinese Champion, and Peter Fong (127 lbs.), will be the main event on the Interport Boxing Tournament programme at Caroline Hill tonight.

Chung Fook-lun, well-known South China soccer player, will also be seen in action, his opponent in a four round contest being the All-China Champion, Albert Huang.

Five other events and one exhibition wrestling contest complete the programme. Prizes will be distributed by Mr. Choy Wai-hung.

Starting times at Fanling

The following are the starting times on the Old and New Courses at Fanling tomorrow:—

Week-end soccer programme

The following is the week-end soccer programme:—

Today

FIRST DIVISION

Army v Club (PP from 20, 11.45) Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m. Referee: A. C. B. Cannell; Linesmen: Liu Ting-kai and G. Hobley.

CAA v Kit Chee; Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m. Referee: C. D. Lusted; Linesmen: Tsung King-hong and P. Manson.

Eastern v Navy; Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m. Referee: W. Jeffery; Linesmen: J. Turner and C. M. Leonard.

Kwong Wah v Commando; Navy C. B. 4.30 p.m. Referee: P. A. Mooney; Linesmen: Wong King-chung and F. A. Barretto.

SECOND DIVISION

Solicitors v Army; Sookunpoo, 3 p.m. Referee: G. Hobley.

Talkoo v CAA; Boundary St., 3 p.m. Referee: P. Manson.

News Vendor v Eastern; Caroline Hill, 3 p.m. Referee: C. M. Leonard.

Navy v South China; Navy C.B., 3 p.m. Referee: Woo Chok-kin.

Club v Police; Club, 3 p.m. Referee: W. Snowling.

PCA v Prisoners; St. Joseph's, 3 p.m. Referee: K. M. Ashton.

RAF v Dockyard; Kai Tak, 4.30 p.m. Referee: Li Ping-pui.

BASKETBALL</